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GASTONIA, N. C., October 25th, 1898.

The Synod of North Carolina met in its Eighty-fifth Annual Session, Tuesday, October 25th, 1898, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in the Presbyterian church, Gastonia, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., from Dan. 4 : 35.

The following members were present during the sessions of the Synod : *

## I.—Orange Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| A. Currie. | | |
| D. I. Craig. | E. F. Hall. 2 | Reidsville. |
| E. W. Smith, D. D. | A. F. Robertson. | Greensboro, First. |
| R. W. Culbertson. | | |
| R. E. Caldwell. 3 | | |
| L. B. Turnbull, D. D. 2 | Geo. W. Watts. | Durham. |
| D. J. Currie. | 3 | |
| H. S. Bradshaw. | | |
| H. D. Lequeux. | | |
| W. P. McCorkle. | | |
| M. W. Doggett, D. D. | | |
| E. E. Gillespie. 2 | | |
| J. A. Paisley. | | |

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* The figure after a name denotes the day one takes his seat.

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following ministers were absent : B. B. Palmer, J. McL. Seabrook, C. W. Robinson, R. W. George, Joseph Evans, E. C. Murray, D D., S. H. Williamson, W. A. Gillon, S. S. Oliver, R. L. Wharton, J. W. Goodman.—11.

The following churches were not represented : Alamance, Asbury, Ashboro, Bethany, Bethel, Bethesda, Buffalo, Burlington, Calah, Chapel Hill, Clark Memorial, Cross Roads, Danbury, Dan River, Elkin First, Elkin (colored), Eno, Fairfield, Gilead, Graham, Griers, Hawfields, High Point, Hillsboro, Holloways, Jamestown, Leaksville, Lexington, Little River, Madison, Mebane, Midway, Milton, Mt. Airy, New Hope, North Wilkesboro, Oak Forest, Red House, Rougemont, Roxboro, Saxapahaw, Snow Hill, Speedwell, Springwood, Stanly Creek, Wentworth, Westminster, Wilkesboro, Winston, Worthville, Yanceyville.—52.

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## II.—Concord Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| J. Rumple, D. D. | O. D. Davis. | Salisbury. |
| Wm. W. Pharr, D. D. | J. W. A. Kerr. | Centre. |
| J. M. Wharey, D. D. [2] | A. Leazar. | Mooresville. |
| J. A. Ramsay, D. D. | H. C. Dixon. | Hickory. |
| C. A. Munroe. | G. W. F. Harper. [3] | Lenoir. |
| W. R. McLelland. | | |
| R. S. Arrowood. | J. A. Kluttz. | Franklin. |
| J. B. Shearer, D. D. | | |
| A. T. Graham. | R. L. Query. | Davidson College. |
| R. W. Boyd. [2] | | |
| J. C. Kennedy. | | |
| J. A. Harris. [2] | A. F. Goodman. [2] | Thyatira. |
| | J. K. Goodman. [3] | Back Creek. |
| J. M. Rose, D. D. [2] | | |
| W. C. Alexander. [7] | | |
| B. Soulier. | | |
| L. A. McLaurin. [2] | | |
| A. K. Pool. | | |
| W. C. Brown. | | |
| Cornelius Miller. | J. C. Thompson. | Rocky River. |
| W. J. Tidball. | E. M. Stevenson. | Taylorsville. |
| Edgar Tufts. | | |
| John Wakefield. | J. F. Miller. | China Grove. |
| 22 | M. W. Hill. | Statesville. |
| | W. J. McLaughlin. | Patterson Mill. |
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Of the Presbytery of Concord the following ministers were absent: W. A. Wood, D. D., John W. Davis, D. D., B. L. Beall, L. McKinnon, D. D., E. E. Pressly, W. H White, J. M. Greenlee, C. F. Rankin.—8.

The following churches were not represented: Banner Elk, Bethany, Bethesda, Bethphage, Blowing Rock, Cannonville, Clio, Concord First, Concord (Ire.), Elk Park, Elmwood, Fifth Creek, Front St., Gilwood, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Marion, Mocksville, Morganton, Newton, New Salem, Old Fort, Poplar Tent, Prospect, Quaker Meadow, Shearer, Sherrill's Ford, Shiloh, Siloam, South River, South Toe, Spencer, Spruce Pine, Tabor, Third Creek, Troutman, Turkey Cove, Unity, Waldensian, White Hall, Zion.—43.

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## III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| H. G. Hill, D. D. | M. G. McKenzie. 3 | Maxton. |
| A. N. Ferguson. | | |
| K. M. McIntyre. 2 | | |
| P. R. Law. | | |
| M. N. McIver. | | |
| W. F. Thom. 2 | | |
| W. B. Arrowood. | | |
| A. J. McKelway. | | |
| Hugh Craig. | | |
| W. R. Coppedge. | | |
| C. G. Vardell. | | |
| H. T. Graham. | J. W. McNeill. | Fayetteville. |
| 12 | J. A. McBride. | Antioch. |
| | J. W. Graham. | Bethesda. |
| | 4 | |

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following ministers were absent: David Fairley, J. S. Black, K. A. McLeod, D. W. Fox, A. M. Hassell, M. D. McNeill, L. J. Little, W. C. Buchanan, A. McLauchlin, C. H. Dobbs, Jr., R. W. Alexander.—11.

The following churches were not represented: Aberdeen, Ashpole, Barbecue, Ben Salem, Bethel, Bethlehem, Big Rockfish, Bluff, Buffalo, Cameron, Cameronian, Carthage, Centre, China Grove, Church of Covenant, Culdee, Cypress, Dunn, Elerbee Springs, Euphronia, Flat Branch, Galatia, Gulf, Gibson, Haywood, Hope Mills, Hillside, Ida Mills, Iona, Jackson Springs, Jonesboro, Kenly, Keyser, Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, Lebanon, Long Street, Lumber Bridge, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, McMillan, McPherson, Midway, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Mt Vernon Springs, Oakland, Pee Dee, Philippi, Philadelphus, Pittsboro, Pocket, Red Springs, Roberdell, Rockingham, Salem, Sandy Grove, Sanford, Sardis, Shannon, Sharon, Sherwood, Shiloh, Smithfield, Smyrna, Spout Spring, St. Andrew's, St Paul's, Summerville, Troy, Union, Wadeville, White Hill.—76.

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## IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| A. McFadyen. [2] | | |
| A. D. McClure. | | |
| W. M. Shaw. | | |

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## V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| R. Z. Johnston. | S. D. Burgin. | Lincolnton. |
| | P. P. Castner. [2] | Dallas. |
| J. J. Kennedy. | | |
| J. R. McAlpine. [2] | H. J. Walker. | Huntersville. |
| Roger Martin. | | |
| Geo. A. Sparrow. | | |
| H. M. Dixon. | | |
| J. M. Grier. | J. M. Wilson. | Bethel. |
| S. W. Newell. | D. H. Cox. | Lowell. |
| J. W. Siler. | | |
| Wm. Black. [2] | | |
| R. P. Smith. | | |
| M. C. Arrowood. | | |
| Jonas Barclay. | J. T. Kell. | Banks. |
| A. A. Little. | J. W. Potts. | Steel Creek. |
| J. W. Stagg, D. D. | W. H. Wakefield. | Charlotte, Second. |
| R. D. Stimson. | R. S. Barnett. [2] | Hopewell. |
| T. M. Lowry. | | |
| J. S. Shaw. | | |

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington the following ministers were absent: Colin Shaw, James Kelly, Geo. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, P. H. Hoge, D. D., J. D. Stanford, J. J. Hines, Peter McIntyre, S. H. Isler, R. V. Lancaster, P. C. Morton, J. E. L. Winecoff, J. D. Stanley.—13.

The following churches were not represented: Beth Car, Black River, Bladenboro, Beulah, Burgaw, Caswell, Chadbourn, Clarkton, Chinquepin, Clinton, Cobb Mills, Croatan, Crouley, Duplin Road, Elizabethtown, Faison, Grove, Harmony, Hebron, Hopewell, Hub, Immanuel, Keith, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. William, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oakplain, Pike, Pollocksville, Richlands, Rockfish, St. Andrew's, South River, Smith's, Southport, Sweet Home, Topsail, Verona, Warsaw, Wilmington First, White Hall, Whiteville, Whiteplains, Wildwood.—48.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following ministers were absent: S. C. Boyce, J. W. Moore, G. A. Hough, R. C. Morrison, T. F. Boozer, M. A. Henderson, W. H. Spencer, A. H. Temple.—8.

The following churches were not represented: Alton, Amity, Barclay, Bethlehem, Beulah, Carmel, Castanea Grove, Cherryville, Columbus, Cook's Memorial,

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V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery, Continued.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Crockard. 3 | | |
| T. J. Allison. | J. M. Davis. | Sugar Creek. |
| J. R. Howerton, D. D. 2 | Geo. B. Hanna. | Charlotte First. |
| M. McG. Shields. | J. E. Page. | Gastonia. |
| H. W. Hoon. | | |
| Wm. R. Minter. | | |
| G. T. Thompson. | J. W. Kirkpatrick. | Sharon. |
| Wm. A. Wynne. 2 | | |
| J. A. Dorrittee. | | |
| T. C. Croker. | | |
| J. A. McMurray. | H. Q. Alexander. 2 | Providence. |
| T. A. Cathey. | L. R. Welch. | Goshen. |
| 31 | A. Cathey. | Belmont. |
| | A. C. Clark. | Hephzibah. |
| | J. W. Brown. | King's Mountain. |
| | H. L. Ramseur. | Long Creek. |
| | Geo. L. Hoover. | Mulberry. |
| | J. M. Gaston. 2 | New Hope. |
| | J. R. Kincaid. | Olney. |
| | G. C. L. Junker. | Philadelphia. |
| | A. A. Irwin. | Pleasant Hill. |
| | W. S. Caldwell. 2 | Ramah. |
| | M. C. Huffstetler. | Union. |
| | J. C. Hutchison. | Wms. Memorial. |
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## VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| F. H. Johnston, D. D. | | |
| A. S. Caldwell. | | |
| G. L. Leyburn, D. D. | | |
| 3 | | |

Drusilla, Duncan's Creek, Forest Hill, Graham St., Henrietta, Ironton, Lattimore, Little Britain, Machpelah, Mallard Creek, Matthews, Monroe, Morven, Newell, Paw Creek, Polkton, Robinson, Rutherfordton, Salem, Sandy Plains, Shelby, Shiloh, Stanly Creek, Stevens, Unity, Waco, Wadesboro, Waxhaw.—38.

Of the Presbytery of Albemarle the following ministers were absent: F. D Thomas, Eugene Daniel, D. D., C. W. Wharton, F. W. Farries, Wm. T. Walker, C. M. Payne, D. D., J. B. Morton, James Thomas, E. D. Brown, A. R. Shaw, L. C. Vass.—11.

The following churches were not represented: Atkinson Memorial, Aurora,

## VII.—Asheville Presbytery.

| MINISTERS. | RULING ELDERS. | CHURCHES. |
|---|---|---|
| E. A. Sample. | | |
| R. F. Campbell, D. D. | H. N. Lockwood. | Asheville First. |
| S. C. Caldwell. | 1 | |
| H. R. Overcash. [2] | | |
| F. D. Hunt. | | |
| J. M. Holladay. | | |
| 6. | | |

Ministers present, 90; Ruling Elders, 50; total, 140.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., of the Presbytery of Asheville, was chosen Moderator; and Rev. P. R. Law, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and Rev. W. R. McLelland, of Concord Presbytery, were elected Temporary Clerks.

Rev. R. P. Pell, Rev. B. P. Reid, Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina; Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, of the Synod of Memphis; Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D., Rev. J. C. Galloway. D. D., Rev. S. W. Reid, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, were invited to sit as corresponding members; and Rev. L. H. Triplett, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting brother; and all these brethren were formally introduced to the Synod.

Rev. J. H. Lumpkin addressed the Synod in the interest of Ministerial Education, and Synod's Committee on Education was directed to prepare a suitable response. Rev. C.

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Cann Memorial, Dover, Falkland, Geneva, Goldsboro, Grassy Creek, Henderson, La Grange, Littleton, Louisburg, Mackey's Ferry, Nahalah, New Berne, Nut Bush, Oak Hill, Olivet, Oxford, Parmele, Raleigh First, Roanoke, Rocky Mount, Shiloh, Strickland, Tarboro, Warrenton, Washington, Wilson Young Memorial.—31.

Of the Presbytery of Asheville the following ministers were absent: D. T. Towles, J. T. Wade, J. L. Wicker, J. B. Cochrane, E. Mac. Davis, A. Walker White.—6.

The following churches were not represented: Andrews, Bethel, Brevard, Bryson City, Centre, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Franklin, Hayesville, Hendersonville, Midway, Mills River, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Forest, Southside, Swannanoa, Upper Joy, Waynesville.—19.

A. Chute and Rev. Geo. S. Leeper, of the Synod of Catawba, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Synod.

The following were fixed as the hours for daily sessions: from 9 a. m. to 12 m.; divine worship from 11 a. m. to 12 m; from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.; from 7:30 p. m. and adjourn at will.

It was made the first Order of the Day to-morrow (Wednesday) morning to hear Rev. D. Clay Lilly in behalf of Tuscaloosa Institute; and the second Order of the Day to-morrow morning to hear Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., in behalf of Publication and Colportage.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. Closed with prayer by Rev. D. I. Craig.

## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 26th, 1898.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

Rev. D. C. Lilly, of the Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to the Synod.

The first Order of the Day was taken up, and Synod heard Rev. D. C. Lilly in the interest of Tuscaloosa Institute and Colored Evangelization.

Standing Committees.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., D. I. Craig, W. B. Arrowood, W. M. Shaw, J. M. Grier and Ruling Elders H. N. Lockwood and A. Leazar.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., R. W. Culbertson, C. Miller and Ruling Elder J. A. McBride.

3. ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.—Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., C. G. Vardell, S. C. Caldwell and Ruling Elder G. B. Hanna.

4. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Rev. W. R. Coppedge, W. C. Brown, Jonas Barclay and Ruling Elder A. A. Irwin.

5. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Rev. R. S. Arrowood, M. N. McIver, Roger Martin, A. S. Caldwell and Ruling Elder E. M. Stevenson.

6. UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. M. Holladay, W. J. Tidball and Ruling Elder R. F. Robertson.

7. TREASURER'S BOOKS.—Ruling Elder O. D. Davis, Rev. H. T. Graham and Rev. M. C. Arrowood.

8. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.—Rev. W. P. McCorkle, E. A. Sample and Ruling Elder J. T. Kell.

9. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Rev. M. McG. Shields and Ruling Elder J. E. Page:

10. STATISTICAL REPORTS.—Rev. Edgar Tufts, Wm. R. Minter, S. W. Newell and Ruling Elder J. M. Wilson.

11. SYNODICAL RECORDS.—Rev. J. A. McMurray, H. D. Lequeux and Ruling Elder R. L. Query.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Geo. A. Sparrow, J. S. Shaw and Ruling Elder J. W. Potts.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

ORANGE.—Rev. F. D. Hunt, Rev. A. S. Caldwell.

CONCORD.—Rev. Hugh Craig, Rev. J. A. Dorrittee.

FAYETTEVILLE.—Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Rev. John Wakefield.

WILMINGTON.—Rev. J. W. Siler, Rev. R. D. Stimson.

MECKLENBURG.—Rev. E. A. Sample, Dr. J. W. McNeill.

ALBEMARLE.—Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., Dr. M. W. Hill.

ASHEVILLE.—Rev. J. A. Paisley, Rev. T. J. Allison.

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

The second Order of the Day was taken up, and Synod heard Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., in the interest of Publication and Colportage.

Rev. P. F. Price, of the Synod of Virginia, and Rev. W. A. Haffner, of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Synod.

Rev. H. S. Bradshaw was appointed to prepare the report on the Bible Cause, in the absence of the chairman of the committee.

The report on Union Theological Seminary was presented, read and referred to the Standing Committee on Union Theological Seminary. This committee was also instructed to nominate directors of the fourth class whose term of office expires at this meeting of the Synod.

Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., Treasurer of the Synod, read his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books. It is as follows:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending October 25th, 1898:

RECEIPTS:

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| Balance from last year | | | | | $166.40 |
| From Concord Presbytery, balance assessment, | | | | 1896–'97 | 5.00 |
| " Wilmington | " | " | " | 1897–'98 | 40.00 |
| " Concord | " | on | " | 1897–'98 | 45.00 |
| " Orange | " | ½ | " | 1896–'97 | 27.50 |
| " Orange | " | ½ | " | 1897–'98 | 27.50 |
| " Albemarle | " | | " | 1897–'98 | 20.00 |
| | | | | | $331.40 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| J. A. Brady, printing blanks | $ 6.75 | |
| " " " Minutes, 1897 | 152.69 | |
| Stated Clerk, salary and expenses | 105.66 | $265.10 |
| Balance on hand | | $ 66.30 |

DUE FROM PRESBYTERIES:

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| Concord Presbytery, balance assessment, | | | | 1897–'98 | $ 15.00 |
| Orange | " | " | " | " " | 27.50 |
| Fayetteville | " | " | " | " " | 60.00 |
| Mecklenburg | " | " | " | " " | 65.00 |
| Asheville | " | " | " | " " | 15.00 |
| | | | | | $182.50 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Treasurer.

Hickory, N. C., October 22nd, 1898.

It was made the second Order of the Day this evening to hear Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., in behalf of Foreign Missions.

It was made the first Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) morning to hear the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home.

South Atlantic University. Elections.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., from the Board of Regents of the South Atlantic University, reported progress. The report was received as information. Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., was re-elected a member of the Board of Regents, and Mr. John F. Love was elected a member of the board to succeed Judge T. B. Womack, removed from the State.

It was made the first Order of the Day this afternoon to hear Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., in behalf of the American Bible Society.

It was made the second Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) morning to hear the report on Church and Christian Education.

The Synod's Historical Committee, Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., Chairman, reported that there was nothing of interest to present. The report was received and approved.

Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., was re-elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Synod.

Rev. A. T. Graham was re-elected Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., was re-elected Agent and Chairman of Church and Christian Education.

Rev. H. S. Bradshaw was elected Chairman of the Permanent Committee of Bible Cause.

Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., was re-elected Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., was re-elected Agent of Ministerial Education.

Rev. A. D. McClure was re-elected Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Publication and Colportage.

It was ordered that when Synod recede from business this morning, it do so to re-assemble at 3 o'clock p. m.

Pending the election of the Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Schools, the Synod took recess for five minutes, after which the Synod united in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises and preached the sermon.

Synod then took recess until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz.: the election of the Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath Schools, and Rev. A. A. Little was elected.

Rev. J. M. W. Elder, of the Synod of Virginia; Rev. W. B. McIlwain and Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, of the Synod of South Carolina; Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., of the Synod of Nashville, and Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis, were invited to sit as corresponding members and were introduced to the Synod.

The first Order of the Day was called, and the Synod heard Rev. Thos. H. Law, D. D., in the interest of the American Bible Society.

The second Order of the Day was taken up, and Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., was heard in the interest of the Cause of Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Assembly's Home Missions.

An Overture was presented and read from Mecklenburg Presbytery asking that it be divided. After reading, the Overture was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. It is as follows:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina, in session in Gastonia, N. C., to erect a new Presbytery

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out of its bounds, to be known as Gaston Presbytery, and to be constituted of the territory west of the Catawba river, comprising the counties of Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk. Said action to take effect on April 1st, 1899. Respectfully submitted,

JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk.

Done in Presbytery at Waxhaw, September 29th, 1898.

In connection with the above Overture a communication from the Lincolnton church, signed by the Ruling Elders and Deacons, was presented expressing "disapprobation of the division, and desire to remain in Mecklenburg Presbytery." Also a letter from Goshen church which was originally addressed to the Presbytery and by it referred to Synod along with the Overture. This church asked that an exception be made in its favor and that "it may be permitted to continue to belong to Mecklenburg Presbytery for the present." These communications were also referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An Overture from Asheville Presbytery was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. It is as follows:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina as follows:

WHEREAS, The Synodical year is distinct from the General Assembly year and it is important that the reports sent up to Synod by the Presbyteries should be based upon fresh reports from the churches and cover the Synodical rather than the Assembly year, the Presbytery of Asheville asks:

1. That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to prepare and send to the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, for distribution to the churches, blanks calling for such information as may be needed.

2. That these reports be sent by the churches to the fall meetings of the Presbyteries, there to be collated and embodied in the reports of the Presbyteries to Synod.

E. A. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

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A second Overture from Asheville Presbytery was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The first part asks for the services of Synod's Evangelist for two months, as heretofore, and for an adjustment of the work of Rev. E. Mac. Davis so as to secure Presbyterial control and Synodical support. The second part refers to Mission Schools, and is as follows :

3. The Synod, in view of the destitution and urgent needs of our territory, is requested to apportion a large proportion of the funds in its treasury for the cause of Christian Education to the mission schools of this Presbytery, thus recognizing it as special mission ground.

4. The Synod is also asked to put its mission schools under the direction of and turn its funds for that work over to the Presbyterial Committee, that the confusion resulting from two committees engaging at the same time in the same work may be avoided.

Adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod by Asheville Presbytery, in session at Highlands, N. C., this 24th day of September, 1898.

E. A. SAMPLE, S. C.

The following Overture from Orange Presbytery was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures :

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina :

"To consider and devise some measure by which we may avert the threatened schism among the colored ministers and churches heretofore associated with our body, and the withdrawal of a large number of said ministers and churches to the Northern Presbyterian Church."

Done in Presbytery, and ordered to be sent up to Synod, September 29th, 1898.

Attest :

D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At the close of the address of Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., a collection was taken in behalf of the Invalid Fund, which amounted to $22.64.

Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent of Ministerial Education, presented his report, which was received and approved. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Foreign Missions, Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman, presented its annual report, which was received and approved. In connection with this report the Synod heard Rev. P. F. Price and Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D. A collection was taken amounting to $49.20.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. N. H. Summerell.

## THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, October 27th, 1898.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises by the Moderator.

The minutes of the second day's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman, presented the following report:

1. We find the Overture from Mecklenburg Presbytery, asking Synod to erect a new Presbytery out of its bounds, to be known as "Gaston Presbytery," to be in due and proper definite form, and in order to facilitate the necessary discussion of the matter, we do, pro forma and without prejudice, recommend that the Overture be granted.

2. In answer to the Overture from Orange Presbytery, requesting Synod to devise some measure to avert the threatened schism among colored ministers and churches, we think that the conditions of danger that seemed to exist at the time the Overture was made have passed away, and there is now no necessity for any action.

3. In answer to an Overture from the Presbytery of Asheville, to require the Presbyteries to require the churches to send reports for the Synodical year, just as for the Assembly's year, we would reply that we

consider it impracticable to carry out such a plain. Besides, we are of opinion that there is sufficient provision to procure accurate information about all Synodical enterprises which are bounded by the Synodical year.

4. A second Overture from Asheville Presbytery contains four items. The first asks for the services of Synod's Evangelist for two months, as heretofore, and the second asks for an adjustment of the work of Rev. E. Mac. Davis so as to secure Presbyterial control and Synodical support.

We recommend that these two items be referred to Synod's Committee of Home Missions for consideration and proper action.

The third and fourth items of the Overture ask for the largest possible appropriations to the Mission Schools of the Presbytery, and other kindred matters of detail. We recommend that these two items be referred to Synod's Committee of Church and Christian Education for consideration and proper action.

5. An anonymous Overture came into our hands, which we did not attempt to answer, because such an Overture can not be properly entertained and considered.

The consideration of the first recommendation of the Committee was made the first Order of the Day this afternoon.

The remaining recommendations were adopted.

The Committee to examine the Treasurer's Books, Mr. O. D. Davis, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

We have examined the entries in the same for the Synodical year just closing, and find that the accounts are kept with neatness and accuracy and that all disbursements are covered by proper vouchers.

We would call special attention to the fact that the Presbyteries of Asheville, Fayetteville and Mecklenburg are twelve months in arrears in the payment of their assessments, and that the Presbytery of Orange is six months, and the Presbytery of Concord is three months in arrears.

We would urge upon the Presbyteries the importance of keeping their assessments promptly and fully paid.

The Committee to examine the Records of Synod, Rev. J. A. McMurray, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

**Orphans' Home. Records of Orange Presbytery.**

Your Committee, after examination of the Records, are pleased to report, that they find them beautifully, neatly and methodically kept. The Synod is to be congratulated that the execution of this work has been committed to such a capable servant.

It was made the second Order of the Day this afternoon to hear the report of the Board of Directors of the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute.

Rev. J. B. Swann, of the Synod of South Carolina, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

The Board of Regents of the Orphans' Home, Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., President, presented their annual report, which was received and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Rev. A. McFadyen, and Messrs. E. F. Hall and H. C. Dixon.

The Committee to examine the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. F. D. Hunt, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee are glad to report that, after careful examination, we find nothing calling for criticism by the Synod. They are unusually well kept, showing much painstaking care and neatness on the part of the Stated Clerk, and in the opinion of your Committee, they are deserving of special commendation by the Synod.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Rev. W. M. Shaw and Mr. J. K. Goodman were appointed a special committee on the "North Carolina Presbyterian," with instructions to report to-night after the consideration of Synodical Home Missions.

The Committee to examine the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman, presented a report, which was docketed for future consideration.

The Committee on Church and Christian Education, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Chairman, presented their annual report, which was received and adopted.

Mr. J. D. Murphy, from the Presbytery of Asheville, was added to the committee.

The Order of the Day was called, viz.: Overture from Mecklenburg Presbytery asking for its division. Pending further action the Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Committee to examine the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. Hugh Craig, Chairman, presented a report, which was received and docketed for future consideration.

The Committee on the Records of Albemarle Presbytery, Rev. M. W. Doggett, D. D., Chairman, presented a report, which was received and docketed.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. Edgar Tufts, Chairman, presented the following partial report, which was received and adopted:

We note that the following ministers have died since the last meeting of the Synod: Orange Presbytery, Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.; Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. J. W. Johnston.

We recommend that the following committees be appointed to prepare memorials: Memorial of Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.: Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. A. A. Little and Rev. John Wakefield.

Memorial of Rev. J. W. Johnston: Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Rev. W. P. McCorkle and Rev. J. S. Shaw.

It was made the Order of the Day to-morrow (Friday) immediately after divine worship to hold the memorial service of ministers deceased since the last meeting of the Synod.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. W. R.

Coppedge, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

Your Committee begs leave to report, that reports on this subject have been received from each of the Presbyteries. These reports show a falling off of $9,524 from the contributions of last year, a gain, however, of $7,714 over the contributions of the previous year.

It should be further stated in explanation of the retrogression that there was a loss of $8,000 under the head of "Miscellaneous" in the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, so that the real loss in the gifts of the churches to the usual objects presented is only about $1,500, and the gain over those of 1896 is large.

Considering all the circumstances of the case there is no reason for discouragement, but rather for gratitude to God, that His people have sustained by their liberality the various departments of the Master's work. It should, however, be borne in mind that we are far from coming up to the full measure of our privileges, and our people should be encouraged and exhorted to worship the Lord more faithfully with their substance. As the reports from the Presbyteries are to appear in the Appendix to the Minutes we deem it unnecessary to incorporate them in this report.

We call attention to the fact that of the 356 churches of the Synod, only 76 contributed to all the objects recommended by the Assembly, and 42 made no report. It appears also that at least 40 churches, besides perhaps a large number of those not reporting, do not contribute to any of the causes of general benevolence.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, Superintendent, presented the report on Synodical Home Missions. Addresses were made by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. E. E. Gillespie and Rev. Wm. Black. A collection was taken amounting to $38.23. The report was placed on the Docket for further consideration.

The Special Committee on the "North Carolina Presbyterian," Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee reports that Synod approves the management of the "North Carolina Presbyterian" since its removal to Charlotte, and its faithful service in the interest of this Synod; that labor bestowed in the young

people's department makes it an invaluable weekly visitor in the homes of our people.

Synod commends it very cordially as the organ of this Synod under its present management and earnestly urges our people to support it as they are wont to support every good and friendly agency, for the culture of the Church.

It was made the first Order of the Day to-morrow (Friday) to hear the reports on Colored Evangelization and of the Board of Trustees of the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute.

It was made the second Order of the Day to-morrow (Friday) to consider the report on Synodical Home Missions.

It was ordered that the speeches on the division of Mecklenburg Presbytery be limited to 20 minutes each.

The discussion of the Overture from Mecklenburg Presbytery was suspended.

The report of the Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery was taken from the docket and recommitted.

The following resolution touching Chapel Hill church was presented and adopted:

Because of the exceeding great importance of the work of our Church at Chapel Hill, be it

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to raise funds for a suitable house of worship in keeping with the cause of Presbyterianism at the seat of our State University, and that this committee be authorized to do all in its power to properly and effectually present and commend this matter to the people of the State.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 a. m. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D.

## FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, October 28th, 1898.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Synod convened at 9 a. m. and was opened with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the third day's session were read and approved.

Rev. G. T. Thompson was added to the Committee on Records of Concord Presbytery.

The Permanent Committee on Publication and Colportage, Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman, presented their report, which was received and the recommendations adopted.

They are as follows:

1. The thanks of the Synod be tendered the Executive Committee for furnishing us two Colporteurs, undertaking to canvass our Synod thoroughly; for making liberal response to all requests for Sabbath school literature, and for the effort to furnish copies of the sermon mentioned by Dr. Hazen.

2. All our pastors and churches be urged to secure more liberal contributions to this cause, and that our Sabbath schools be asked to make a special contribution during the month of March to this work.

3. Our people be informed and urged to take advantage of this exceptionally valuable service of our committee in purchasing books of all kinds.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Synod congratulates the Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary on the success which, through the divine favor, has attended the management and the work of the institution for another year.

The wise administration of its affairs, the able and faithful work of the professors, the increased number of students who, as a body, have commended themselves in diligent study and approved Christian deportment;

the uninterrupted health of both teachers and pupils, are all matters which call for fervent and thankful acknowledgment of God's gracious care vouchsafed to this venerable "school of the prophets."

The Synod notes with special gratification that the removal of the Seminary to Richmond, Va., for which the Board, with endorsement of the controlling Synods, began preparation three years ago, has been successfully accomplished, and that it has, in its new and elegant home, renewed its career under brightest prospects of enlarged usefulness and widened influence.

The Synod earnestly invokes the continued favor and larger blessing of our God upon the Seminary. And in view of its limited endowment, too narrow for the proper administration of affairs of the institution, commends it to the people of this Synod and to individuals of means for their generous consideration.

The Committee recommended that the directors of the fourth class whose term of office expires at this meeting be re-elected for another term of four years, viz.: J. Rumple, D. D., P. H. Hoge, D. D., and George W. Watts.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. Edgar Tufts, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The Committee on Statistical Reports of Presbyteries would submit the following report:

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| 1. | Number of ministers | 150, | 2 less than last year. |
| | Number of churches | 364, | 8 more than last year. |
| | Number of licentiates | 10, | 3 more than last year. |
| | Number of candidates | 90, | 26 more than last year. |
| | Number of communicants | 33,492, | 1,110 more than last year. |
| | Amount of funds | $222,606.59, | $7,114.59 more than last year. |
| 2. | Number added | 2,546, | 157 less than last year. |
| | (a) By examination | 1,441, | 137 less than last year. |
| | (b) By certificate | 1,105, | 20 less than last year. |
| 3. | Ministers received | 17, | 4 less than last year. |
| 4. | Ministers dismissed | 14, | 6 less than last year. |
| 5. | Churches organized | 12, | 1 more than last year. |
| 6. | Churches transferred or dissolved | None. | |
| 7. | Licentiates received | 8, | 7 more than last year. |
| 8. | Licentiates transferred | 8, | 3 more than last year. |

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9. Candidates received . . . . . 13, 4 less than last year.
10. Candidates dismissed . . . . . 4, 1 more than last year.
11. Ministers died . . . . . 2.
12. Ordinations . . . . . 12, 4 more than last year.
13. Installations . . . . . 31, 7 more than last year.
14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations . . . 17, 10 more than last year.
15. Licensures . . . . . 13, 2 more than last year.
16. 129 ministers, in charge of 329 churches: 110 pastors, 32 stated supplies, 26 evangelists, 8 licentiates and 10 foreign missionaries.
17. Churches vacant . . . . . 36, 4 less than last year.
18. Average salary of pastors, $689.26. [Asheville not reported.]
19. Manses, 75; valued at $103,890.
20. No minister or church in 18 counties.
21. Date and place of next meeting of Presbyteries:
    Albemarle, Rocky Mount, April 4th, 1899.
    Asheville, Mills River, April 19th, 1899.
    Concord, First church, Concord.
    Fayetteville, Dunn.
    Mecklenburg, Westminster.
    Orange, Lexington, April 4th, 1899.
    Wilmington, St. Andrew's, April 11th, 1899.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman, reported that no business had come into their hands. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Regents of the Orphans' Home, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was committed the report of the Board of Regents of our Orphans' Home, would recommend for the adoption of the Synod the following:

1. The Synod is gratified with the encouraging report of the Regents, and offers renewed thanks to God for the prosperity that has attended our Orphans' Home the past year.

2. We recognize our obligation to Mrs. S. P. Lees for her liberality in erecting a new building for boys, and tender her our sincere thanks.

3. The Synod recognizes the immediate need of a residence for the

family of our Superintendent, and authorizes and encourages its Board of Regents to solicit contributions from our people; and when the necessary funds are in hand, they are directed to erect a suitable building.

4. The Superintendent, Treasurer and other friends of the Home are encouraged to make use of space in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," cordially offered by the editor, to present the claims of the Home to our people. We also heartily commend "Our Fatherless Ones," published at the Home, to the enlarged patronage of all our people, as an important source of information and of revenue to the Home.

5. In regard to the vital question of support for the 100 or more orphans in our Home, the Synod urges all our churches to make a contribution to the support fund on Thanksgiving Day or some Sunday about that time, and also to remember the orphans during the rejoicings of the Christmas holidays.

6. The Synod directs all our churches to set apart one Sunday in the month of June for a mid-summer contribution for the support of the orphans.

7. The Synod urges that on one Sabbath in each month, say the third, all our Sunday schools make a contribution to this cause.

8. Our people are encouraged to make contributions in provisions, clothing, etc., to set apart an acre of land and cultivate it for the orphans, and to clothe and pay for the maintainance of one or more children by churches, individuals and societies.

9. The Synod hereby recognizes the faithful and efficient services of the Superintendent, Rev. R. W. Boyd, and his corps of faithful matrons and teachers.

10. The time of Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Rev. D. I. Craig having expired at this meeting, your Committee recommends their re-election as Regents for the ensuing five years.

The Synod would further suggest that others of our churches might profitably follow the example of some communities in holding a mid-summer re-union in behalf of the Orphans' Home, at which there shall be collected supplies in kind, as well as money for this cause.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. R. S. Arrowood, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes and would call attention,

1. To the action of the Assembly on the report of the Committee of

Publication, page 214, urging Synod to purchase copies of Alexander's Digest. We recommend that the Stated Clerk be authorized to purchase said Digest.

2. To the action of the Assembly in the report of the Committee on the Sabbath, page 242, advising all our ministers at an early day, to preach on the subject of the Sabbath, and to read to their congregations the report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath.

The Permanent Committee on Sabbath Schools, Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman, presented their report, which was received and approved. (See Appendix.)

The Committee to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. E. A. Sample, Chairman, reported, recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Records of Asheville Presbytery, Rev. J. A. Paisley, Chairman, presented a report, which was received and docketed.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. J. W. Siler, Chairman, reported, recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The preaching service which was appointed for 11 a. m. to-day was dispensed with.

The unfinished business was resumed, viz.: Consideration of the Overture for the division of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The hour for the Memorial Service having arrived, this service was suspended, and the consideration of unfinished business was continued.

It was ordered that the vote on the Overture for the division of Mecklenburg Presbytery be taken by calling for "ayes" and "nays."

The roll was called and the vote resulted in 52 "ayes"

and 59 "nays." The Committee on Bills and Overtures was directed to formulate an answer to the Overture.

It was made the Order of the Day at 7:30 p. m. to conduct the services in memory of the deceased ministers.

Synod took recess until 3 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. H. S. Bradshaw presented the report on the Bible Cause. The report was received and its recommendations were adopted.

They are as follows:

1. That an immediate effort be made to carry out the instructions of the Asheville Assembly of 1890, viz.: that a systematic contribution to this cause be secured in every church where it is all practicable.

2. That in churches where no other way is open, the Sabbath schools be interested in the Bible Cause, and encouraged to make regular contributions to it.

3. That the attention of pastors be called to the "Bible Society Record," which will be sent to any pastor who will make contributions direct to Dr. Law, or to any whose names may be sent by the Presbyterial Treasurer, provided these names be attended by a contribution from the churches respectively.

4. That the Synod record its profound sympathy for the Bible Society in the loss it has sustained during the past year by the death of five of its efficient and consecrated helpers. Let the Synod be impressed with the importance of this grand work, and be inspired to more vigorous and concerted effort, assured of the inevitable result by the Bible's own testimony to itself, "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light."

The report of the Committee on the Records of Albemarle Presbytery was taken from the docket, amended and adopted, and the records were approved without exception.

The following committee was appointed as called for in the resolution concerning Chapel Hill church: Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Rev. G. L. Leyburn, D. D., and Rev. W. R. Coppedge.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute was read by Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D. The report was received and approved and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. We therefore recommend the suspension of the Institute. In the meantime we urge all our pastors to make every effort in December to secure from all their churches a liberal contribution and to send the same promptly to the Treasurer of the Board, J. M. Rogers.

2. That Synod renew the engagement with Rev. T. M. Lowry, as Financial Agent, and that Synod urge its pastors and sessions to accord him an introduction to their churches to represent this cause.

3. That Synod authorize the Board of Trustees to dispose of all the property belonging to the Institute to the best advantage.

4. That Synod, in taking this action, involving a dissolution of its engagement with Rev. S. G. Walker, as Superintendent of the Institute, does hereby express its perfect confidence in his integrity and Christian character, and hereby declares its sympathy with him and with the enterprise which he has striven so faithfully to establish.

The Committee on Colored Evangelization, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman, presented a report, which was received and approved, and the following recommendation was adopted:

We recommend that the Synod add its injunction to that of the Assembly in regard to the faithful presentation of the claims of this cause.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures having been appointed to formulate an answer to the Overture from Mecklenburg Presbytery, asking that it be divided, presented the following answer, which was adopted:

No, because the Synod deems such action premature.

The third class of the Board of Directors of the Colored Industrial and Academical Institute, whose term of office expired at this meeting of Synod, were re-elected.

## Address to the Churches.

The Committee to prepare an Address to the Churches, Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., Chairman, presented the following, which was adopted and ordered to be read in all our churches:

The Synod of North Carolina to the Churches under its care—Greeting:

DEARLY BELOVED: In reviewing the reports of the churches for the last year, we find much to excite our gratitude to God. Nearly all of our churches have been regularly supplied with preaching. The attendance upon our church services has been generally good, and in many cases has shown marked increase. The spirit of love and harmony has prevailed among our people.

It is plain that our members are lacking in zeal for the salvation of souls. Our Church of 35,000 communicants has added during the last year only 1,448 new members upon confession of faith.

In Asheville Presbytery there was one conversion to every 11 members; in Wilmington Presbytery, one to every 16 members; in Albemarle Presbytery, one to every 17 members; in Concord Presbytery, one to every 18 members; in Mecklenburg Presbytery, one to every 24 members; in Orange Presbytery, one to every 28 members; in Fayetteville Presbytery, one to 45 members. This means an average throughout all our churches of only one conversion to every 23 members. If these 23 members had an ardent love for souls, if they glowed with the Spirit of Him who came to seek and to save the lost, the product of their combined prayers and personal efforts for an entire year would, under God, be far more fruitful than the conversion of one soul.

This spiritual unfruitfulness argues a lack of consecration to Christ. Brethren, may God convince us of our sinful apathy. May He baptize us with power for service. May He roll upon us the burden of souls.

We also greatly fear that the spirit of self-denial is far less prevalent among the mass of our members than it should be. The reports for the last ecclesiastical year show that our churches in Albemarle Presbytery averaged, for all church causes, $12.92 per member; in Asheville Presbytery, $10.61 per member; in Mecklenburg Presbytery, $7.76 per member; in Orange Presbytery, $7.31; in Wilmington Presbytery, $7.21; in Concord Presbytery, $5.79 per member; in Fayetteville Presbytery, $3.13. The average for the whole Synod is $6.66 per member, or a little less than two cents a day.

The great majority of God's people, we are sure, have not yet learned

the meaning of self-denial for Jesus' sake. Hence the slow advance of Christ's Kingdom. Hence much of the poverty of our spiritual lives.

We beseech you, therefore, brethren, to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Remember also His example, how, though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich.

One other fact the reports make manifest, viz.: the decline of family religion. Nearly all our churches report that family worship is increasingly neglected, and that the home training of our children in the Word of God and the Catechisms of our Church is receiving less and less attention year by year. This is the saddest fact now before our Church. It casts upon our future the darkest shadow. Family religion is the beating heart of our Church's life. It is the fountain of our spiritual prosperity and power. We do solemnly admonish and warn you that Sabbath school teaching can never atone for the lack of formal instruction in the home, and that family religion can never flourish without the family altar. If the children of our Church, left unblessed in their most susceptible years by these two Scripture essentials of Christian nurture, grow up careless of religion, drift away into sin, and are lost, their blood will God require at their parents' hands.

Beloved, we lay these vital matters upon your hearts, praying that the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A collection was taken for Rev. S. G. Walker which amounted to $22.00.

The report of the Synodical Home Missions Committee was taken from the Docket. The recommendations were taken seriatim and adopted. They are as follows:

1. The Synod, encouraged by the blessing of God upon past labors, commends this great work anew to the liberality of its churches and people, and urges upon them to provide the means to support our present important work and to overtake our remaining destitutions. Synod apportions the following amounts to our Presbyteries, to be raised in the regular collections in June and September: Mecklenburg, $950; Fayetteville,

$950; Orange, $950; Concord, $900; Wilmington, $750; Albemarle, $500; Asheville, $200.

2. Synod commends the Presbyteries for the successful prosecution of their own work and for the zeal with which the support of Synodical fields is being assumed, thus affording the Synod the opportunity of entering new and needy and inviting fields.

3. In lieu of the election of a Superintendent by the Synod at this meeting, Synod requests Rev. William Black to visit some of its stronger churches for the purpose of raising funds for the present indebtedness, in connection with his evangelistic work, and that Rev. A. J. McKelway act as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, without salary, until a Superintendent can be elected.

4. The Synod notes with gratification that there is an increase in the collection to Assembly's Missions of $330. But the amount of $1,866 is entirely too small a sum for this great Synod to contribute to the needs of our frontier States. We urge the churches of the Synod to aid more liberally the efforts of our Assembly to overtake the destitution and accept the opportunities of the great Southwest and of the weak Synod of Florida; to carry the Gospel to the Indians and Mexicans within our borders, and to send the benefits of our Presbyterian system into the newly settled parts of the country. We lay this work upon the hearts and consciences of pastors and people, and urge the Presbyteries to make every effort to raise the sum of $5,000 for this year by approximating the following apportionments: Mecklenburg, $950; Fayetteville, $950; Orange, $950; Concord, $900; Wilmington, $750; Albemarle, $300; Asheville, $200.

On motion of Rev. A. J. McKelway, the last recommendation was amended thus: Synod recommends that an Agent of Assembly's Missions be elected to act in conjunction with the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees or otherwise as he may see fit, for enlarging the contributions to this cause.

By order of the Committee.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., was elected Agent of Assembly's Home Mission in the Synod.

The Ruling Elders on the Committee of Synodical Home Missions were re-elected.

Next Meeting. Presbyterial Records.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, retiring Superintendent, was added to the Committee.

The First Presbyterian church, Asheville, was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod.

Rev. A. A. Little and Rev. E. A. Sample were appointed a committee to nominate the time.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee begs to report that a duly certified printed copy of the minutes of Concord Presbytery was submitted, examined and found correct. Your Committee recommends that the minutes be approved by the Synod.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee would report a commendation of the neatness and admirable arrangement of the records, and recommend that they be approved, with one exception, viz.: on page 256 the date of the Moderator's call for a pro-re-nata meeting is not recorded, and the call is not incorporated.

The Committee on the Records of Asheville Presbytery, Rev. T. J. Allison, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee report that they have examined the same and recommend their approval with the following corrections:

1. On page 33 reads "Committee" instead of "Commission" to install Rev. S. C. Caldwell.

We find the Minutes very neatly kept.

It was made the second Order of the Day to-night to hear an address by Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., on Japan.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. R. Z. John-

ston, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved :

1. Excused for absence from last meeting of the Synod : Rev. H. W. Hoon, Rev. J. R. McAlpine and Rev. K. M. McIntyre.

2. Excused for non-attendance at the present meeting of the Synod : Rev. Messrs. P. H. Hoge, D. D., P. C. Morton, W. H. White, R. V. Lancaster, C. W. Robinson, S. H. Isler, A. R. Shaw, E. C. Murray, D. D., J. McL. Seabrook, W. A. Wood, D. D.

3. Excused for late attendance at the present meeting of Synod : Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rose, D. D., L. A. McLaurin, J. M. Wharey, D. D., J. R. McAlpine, G. L. Leyburn, D. D., R. W. Boyd, J. R. Howerton, D. D., J. W. Stagg, D. D., Jas. Crockard, Wm. Black, K. M. McIntyre.

4. The following were granted leave of absence at this meeting :

AFTER WEDNESDAY : Geo. W. Watts.

AFTER THURSDAY : Rev. Messrs. H. D. Lequeux, Wm. W. Pharr, D. D., C. Miller, R. D. Stimson, W. A. Wynne, L. B. Turnbull, D. D., M. N. McIver, J. A. Dorrittee, D. J. Currie, R. W. Boyd ; Messrs. J. C. Hutchison, J. C. Thompson, J. A. Kluttz, A. C. Clarke, Geo. L. Hoover, E. G. Hoyle, W. C. Barnette, G. C. L. Junker, W. S. Caldwell.

AFTER FRIDAY AFTERNOON : Rev. M. C. Arrowood, A. A. Little, A. N. Ferguson, A. McFadyen, J. R. McAlpine, R. W. Culbertson, W. C. Brown, F. D. Hunt, M. W. Doggett, D. D., G. L. Leyburn, D. D., J. R. Howerton, D. D., Wm. Black, A. K. Pool, J. S. Shaw, H. Craig, E. E. Gillespie, W. P. McCorkle, G. T. Thompson, H. M. Dixon, H. W. Hoon, W. R. Minter ; Messrs. A. F. Goodman, J. F. Miller, J. W. Potts, A. A. Ervin, H. L. Ramseur, G. W. F. Harper, J. W. McNeill, Geo. B. Hanna, J. W. Graham, H. M. Cox, J. M. Gaston, H. Q. Alexander, J. M. Davis.

The report on Peace Institute was docketed for consideration at the next meeting of the Synod.

It was ordered that 600 copies of the minutes of the present meeting of Synod be printed.

The following Standing Rule was adopted :

RESOLVED, That it be made a Standing Rule of this Synod that the Moderator shall, when occasion requires, upon the death of a minister in the interim of meetings of the body, appoint a committee of one minis-

ter to prepare a memorial minute or sketch of the deceased to be read in the Synod ensuing and spread upon its records; and that the Stated Clerk of the Synod be charged with the duty of reporting to the Moderator such deaths as they occur.

Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m.

### EVENING SESSION.

The following minutes touching the death of ministers deceased since the last meeting of the Synod were presented.

The Memorial Service was introduced by devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

The memorials are as follows:

Memorial.

## REV. JACOB HENRY SMITH, D. D.

In the death of Rev. Jacob Henry Smith, D. D., which event occurred on the 22nd of November last, this Synod sustained the loss of an able, faithful and honored servant of Jesus Christ, and our servant for Christ's sake.

For a period of little more than 38 years he was identified with the interests of our Church in North Carolina.

Coming to us in the very prime and vigor of his strong manhood, both physical and intellectual, from a sister Synod, he gave that splendid manhood, a heart in all its wealth of affection and zeal, and a life in all the eminent services which it yielded, frankly, loyally, unreservedly to the Church of this Synod. We bow reverently and with submission and profound sense of loss, to the will of our God in taking His gifted and beloved servant from us; but at the same time record with gratitude that the Master gave to us the best years and the best work of this kingly man, and that we are called upon to cherish the memory of him as a noble father in Israel, an able and consecrated minister of the New Testament, a powerful preacher of the everlasting Gospel, whom the Spirit of God delighted to honor with abundant success in his varied ministrations; a wise and judicious counsellor of his brethren, especially the younger ones whom he loved always; a warm-hearted, sympathetic pastor of the flock; a bright, genial spirit in all social fellowship; a devoted friend, an earnest champion of the faith and a warm advocate and helper of everything good and uplifting to humanity.

We deplore in tears his going away from us; but his spirit, his influence, his example still live to guide, animate and bless us who are left to continue the work of the blessed Master he loved and served.

Synod directs this Minute to be spread on the records, and a copy conveyed to the bereaved widow and family, to whom Synod tenders sympathy and condolence, and commends them to the tender and sure consolations of a like precious faith with us.

Memorial.

## REV. J. W. JOHNSTON.

The deceased was admitted to membership in the Presbytery of Fayetteville in the fall of 1889. He came a stranger from the Synod of New York. His first charge was Bethel church as Stated Supply. From time to time he labored as Supply of Montpelier, Shiloh, Keyser and Bethesda churches. In the fall of 1896 he was forced to retire from the active work of the ministry by failing health. Saturday morning, March 19th, he died in the glorious triumph of the Gospel.

The passing away of this beloved brother removes from among us an able and instructive preacher, a wise counsellor and sympathetic pastor, and closes, all in all, a short but most successful ministerial career among our churches. He was a warm-hearted, sweet-spirited man, gentle in his manners, scrupulously courteous in his bearing toward his brethren, and commanded the unbounded confidence of those who knew him best. His high Christian character was so manifest that to come in contact with him was to feel its power. The end of such a life is always a triumphant one. For months before his death he was aware that death might occur at any time and was certainly not far away. He was ready. He said a few days before that he "at times desired to depart." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Our tenderest sympathies go out to the fatherless and motherles daughter.

Touching remarks were made by several brethren, and the memorials were adopted by a rising vote, and the Synod was led in prayer by Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

The second Order of the Day was called, and Synod heard an address on Japan by Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D.

The following resolution was adopted:

That this Synod has heard with exceeding pleasure and profit the addresses of our Secretary of Foreign Missions, and that we pledge to him our earnest efforts to promote the great cause which he represents so effectively.

The following resolution of thanks was presented and adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the Synod of North Carolina does hereby express its appreciation of the abounding hospitality, unstinted kindness and unfailing courtesy of the good people of Gastonia Presbyterian church, and the other churches of the city. They have thrown wide open to us their homes and their hearts, and have shown their sympathy with the work of the Synod by their large attendance upon its sessions. We pray that the blessing of God that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow be bestowed upon pastor and people.

The Synod also expresses its thanks to the railroads that have granted reduced rates, and to the "Charlotte Observer" and other papers for their accurate accounts of the proceedings.

The Special Committee appointed to nominate the time for the next meeting of the Synod reported, recommending that the Synod meet on Tuesday, October 10th, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The report was received and adopted.

The roll was called before final adjournment.

The minutes of the fourth day's session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in First Presbyterian

Adjournment.

church, Asheville N. C., on Tuesday, October 10th, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. F. CAMPBELL,
Moderator.

REV. P. R. LAW,
REV. W. R. MCLELLAND,
Temporary Clerks.

A true copy from the records.

Attest:

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

# APPENDIX.

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## A.

## STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

### I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange reports:

1.—25 ministers; 56 churches; 1 licentiate; 15 candidates; 5,441 communicants; and thirty-nine thousand, seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars, ($39,777.00,) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $3,243.00 more than was raised the year before.

2.—394 members were added to the churches during the year; (a) On examination, 195; (b) on certificate, 199.

3.—No ministers were received.

4.—4 ministers were transferred, viz.: Rev. W. L. Harrell, December 2, 1897; Rev. C. W. Maxwell, December 2, 1897; Rev. N. B. Campbell, April 13, 1898; Rev. S. O. Hall, September 12, 1898.

5.—No churches received or organized.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: Mr. J. W. Goodman, Sept. 28, 1898.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—2 candidates received, viz.: Mr. W. A. Gillon, December 23, 1897. Mr. J. B. Massey, April 13, 1898.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—1 minister died, viz.: Rev. Jacob Henry Smith, D. D., November 22, 1897.

12.—4 ordinations, viz.: Rev. W. A. Gillon, April 15, 1898; Rev. S. S. Oliver, May 26, 1898; Rev. R. L. Wharton, May 26, 1898; Rev. J. W. Goodman, September 29, 1898.

13.—6 installations, viz.: E. C. Murray, D. D., at Saxapahaw, September 12, 1897: J. A. Paisley at Mt. Airy, May 22, 1898; W. A. Gillon at Lexington, April 29, 1898; E. C. Murray, D. D., at Mebane, September

16, 1897; J. A. Paisley at Madison, October 31, 1897; Joseph Evans at Griers, November 18, 1897.

14.—Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. W. L. Harrell and High Point church, January 1, 1898; Rev. S. O. Hall and Westminster church, September 12, 1898.

15.—Licensures, viz.: Mr. W. A. Gillon, December 23, 1897; Mr. S. S. Oliver, May 25, 1898; Mr. R. L. Wharton, May 25, 1898.

16.—20 ministers in charge of 48 churches; 17 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 4 evangelists; 1 licentiate; foreign missionaries, none.

17.—5 churches vacant.

18.—$695 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—15 manses, aggregate value, $22,390.

20.—No church organized in two counties, viz.: Ashe and Alleghany.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Lexington, on 11th day of April, 1899.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST:

D. I. CRAIG
Stated Clerk.

At North Wilkesboro church, on 27th day of September, 1898.

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## II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1.—31 ministers; 56 churches; 3 licentiates; 13 candidates; 5,423 communicants; and thirty-one thousand, five hundred and twelve dollars ($31,512), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $4,123 more than was raised the year before.

2.—479 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 293; (b) on certificate, 186.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. John Wakefield, January 28, 1898, and Rev. J. F. Pharr, June 14, 1898.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Rev. W. M. Shaw, to Wilmington Presbytery, December 27, 1897; Rev. W. L. Lingle, to Cherokee Presbytery, June 14, 1898.

5.—2 churches organized, viz.: Spencer, June 12, 1898; Cannonville, June 4, 1898.

Statistical Report—Fayetteville Presbytery.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—No Licentiates received.

8.—2 Licentiates transferred, viz.: J. W. Goodman, to Orange Presbytery, June 14, 1898, and J. M. Harris, to Charleston Presbytery, September 19, 1898.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: J. M. Harris, November 3, 1897; H. A. Varner and Alex. N. Perryman, November 4, 1897.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: W. A. Gillon, November 4, 1897.

11.—No minister died.

12.—No ordinations.

13.—3 installations, viz.: Rev. C. F. Rankin, at Patterson Mill, December, 1897; Rev. J. F. Pharr, at Bethphage, July, 1898, and at Gilwood, July, 1898.

14.—2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: W. M. Shaw, and Bethphage and Gilwood churches, December 27, 1897.

15.—2 licensures, viz.: J. W. Goodman and J. M. Harris, June 14, 1898.

16.—24 ministers in charge of 54 churches; 17 pastors; 3 stated supplies; 3 evangelists; 1 licentiate; 1 foreign missionary.

17.—No churches vacant.

18.—$597 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—15 manses, aggregate value, $24,000.00.

20.—No minister or church in one county, viz.: Yadkin.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Concord First church, on 11th day of April, 1899.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: W. R. McLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Newton church, on 17th day of September, 1898.

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### III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1.—24 ministers; 80 churches; 1 licentiate; 13 candidates; 7,854 communicants; and twenty-five thousand, six hundred and twenty-three dollars ($25,623) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $1,323 less than was raised the year before.

**Statistical Report—Fayetteville Presbytery.**

2.—318 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 175; (b) on certificate, 143.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: R. W. Alexander, May 24, 1898; R. W. Hines, October 5, 1898.

4.—1 minister was transferred, viz.: J. A. McMurray, April 21, 1898.

5.—Churches received or organized, viz.: Troy, November 7, 1897: Hillside, July 16, 1898.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: J. L. Vandle, May 24, 1898.

8.—1 licentiate transferred, viz.: K. A. Campbell, to North Alabama Presbytery, January 25, 1898.

9.—2 candidates received, viz.: J. A. Caligan, May 24, 1898; Edmund McNeill, October 5, 1898.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: W. A. McLeod, April 21, 1898.

11.—1 minister died, viz.: J. W. Johnston, March 19, 1898.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: J. L. Vandle, October 16, 1898.

13.—5 installations, viz.: Rev. M. N. McIver, at Mark's Creek, May 21, 1898; Rev. J. S. Black, at Sardis, May 14, 1898; Rev. R. W. Alexander, at Bethel, July 2, 1898; Rev. W. R. Coppedge, at Jackson Springs, June 21, 1898; Rev. H. T. Graham, at Fayetteville, February 12, 1898.

14.—Dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. D. Fairley, at Sandy Grove, May 24, 1898.

15.—No licensures.

16.—20 ministers in charge of 80 churches; 16 pastors; 4 stated supplies; 2 evangelists; 1 licentiate; foreign missionaries, 2.

17.—5 churches vacant.

18.—$530, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—5 manses; aggregate value, $5,500.

20.—No county without minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Dunn, N. C.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Red Springs church, on 7th day of October, 1898.

## IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports:

1.—16 ministers; 48 churches; 1 licentiate; 3 candidates; 3,296 communicants; and twenty-one thousand two hundred and seventeen dollars, ($21,217,) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $5,751 less than was raised the year before.

2.—248 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 199; (b) on certificate, 49.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: W. M. Shaw, from Concord Presbytery, April 7, 1898, and J. E. L. Winecoff, from Presbytery of Bethel, November 4, 1897.

4.—2 ministers transferred, viz.: T. H. Newkirk, to Presbytery of Pee Dee, November 10, 1897, and John Wakefield, to Concord, November 30, 1897.

5.—Churches received or organized, viz.: Southport, May 20, 1898.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: John Stanly Thomas, November 4, 1897.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—No candidates received.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: Lucien E. Wells, to Presbytery of Pine Bluff, Ark., September 30, 1898.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: J. S. Thomas, April 7, 1898.

13.—2 installations, viz.: P. McIntire, Clinton, January 13, 1898; J. D. Thomas, Burgaw, April 7, 1898; Hopewell, May 15, 1898; Pike and Mt. Williams, June 12, 1898.

14.—No dissolutions of pastoral relations.

15.—1 licensure, viz.: Robert Murphy Williams, October 1, 1898.

16.—13 ministers in charge of 40 churches; 6 pastors; 1 stated supply; 5 evangelists; 1 licentiate; 3 ministers without a charge and 4 foreign missionaries.

17.—8 churches vacant, but served by candidates.

18.—$778.58, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—2 manses; aggregate value, $10,000.

20.—No county without a minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at St. Andrews, on 4th day of April, 1899, at 7:30 p. m.

By order of Presbytery. ATTEST: A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Chinquepin church, on 1st day of October, 1898.

## V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports :

1.—38 ministers ; 73 churches ; 3 licentiates ; 18 candidates ; 8,146 communicants ; and sixty-three thousand, two hundred and twelve dollars ($63,212), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $245 less than was raised the year before.

2.—714 members were added to the churches during the year : (a) On examination, 341 ; (b) on certificate, 373.

3.—6 ministers were received, viz.: M. McG. Shields, April 10, 1897 ; M. A. Henderson, October 7 ; G. T. Thompson, November 3 ; W. A. Wynne, December 29 ; S. H. Spencer, March 10 ; T. C. Croker, April 6.

4.—3 ministers were transferred, viz.: W. G. White, April, 1897 ; E. L. Siler, April 10, 1897 ; J. J. Harrell, December 29, 1897.

5.—Churches received or organized, viz.: Norwood, Beulah (S.), Mizpah, all transferred from Concord Presbytery by last Synod ; Westminster, organized November 28, 1897 ; Albemarle, March 18, 1898 ; Lebanon, organized July 12, 1898.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—3 licentiates received, viz.: J. A. Dorrittee, December 29, 1897 ; W. R. Minter, October 8, 1897 ; A. H. Temple, May 17, 1898.

8.—4 licentiates transferred, viz.: S. W. Moore, September 27, 1898 ; L. H. Query, September 27, 1898 ; J. H. Gray, August 16, 1897 ; J. L. Yandle, May 17, 1898.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: R. H. M. Brown, May 17, 1898 ; T. L. Higdon, May 26, 1898 ; S. E. Hodges, September 28, 1898.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—4 ordinations, viz.: H. W. Hoon, April 22, 1897 ; W. R. Minter, October 8, 1897 ; J. A. Dorrittee, December 29, 1897 ; A. H. Temple, May 17, 1898.

13.—13 installations, viz,: T. J. Allison, Sugar Creek ; Shields, Gastonia, April 25, 1897 ; Morrison, Carmel, May 1, 1897 ; Crockard, Goshen, May 29, 1898 ; McMurray, Philadelphia and Robinson, June 12, 1898 ; Minter, Rutherfordton, January 30, 1898 ; Wynne, Graham Street, January 16, 1898 ; Dorrittee, Westminster, January 23, 1898 ; Morrison, Little Brittain, March 27, 1898 ; Thompson, Sharon, December 31, 1897 ; Arrowood, Wadesboro and Morven, December 12, 1897.

14.—10 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Harrell, Philadelphia, Robinson and Bethlehem, December 29, 1897 ; Morrison, Matthews,

Carmel and Stearns, December 29, 1897; Kennedy, Castania and Unity, January 18, 1898; McIlwaine, Long Creek and Shiloh, May 17, 1898.

15.—6 licensures, viz.: L. H. Query, June 3, 1897; J. H. Gray, June 3, 1897; J. L. Yandle, R. S. Eskridge and S. L. Cathey, May 17, 1897; F. L. Higdon, May 29, 1897.

16.—27 ministers in charge of 59 churches; 39 pastorates; 20 stated supplies; 2 evangelists; 3 licentiates; foreign missionaries, 1.

17.—13 churches vacant.

18.—$755, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—23 manses; aggregate value, $20,000.

20.—No county without minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Westminster church, Charlotte.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk.

At Waxhaw church.

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## VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle reports:

1.—14 ministers; 31 churches; 1 licentiate; 6 candidates; 2,122 communicants; and twenty-eight thousand, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty-nine cents ($28,437.59), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $3,180.59 more than was raised the year before.

2.—199 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 123; (b) on certificate, 76.

3.—No ministers were received.

4.—No ministers were transferred.

5.—No churches received or organized.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: L. C. Vass, September 21, 1898, from the Presbytery of Enoree.

8.—1 licentiate transferred, viz.: Wm. J. Rogers, to Presbytery of Florida, September 23, 1898.

9.—1 candidate received, viz.: John A. Gilmer, November 1, 1898.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: Lachlan C. Vass, September 22, 1898, as evangelist.

13.—No installations.

14.—No dissolutions of pastoral relations.

15.—1 licensure, viz.: Wm. J. Rogers, September 23, 1898.

16.—13 ministers in charge of 28 churches; 8 pastors; no stated supplies; 7 evangelists; 1 licentiate; foreign missionaries, 1 (under appointment).

17.—2 churches vacant.

18.—$780, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—11 manses; aggregate value, $22,000.

20.—No minister or church in 13 counties, viz.: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Pamlico, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Northampton.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Rocky Mount, on 4th day of April, 1899.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

At Raleigh church, on 20th day of September, 1898.

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## VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville reports:

1.—12 ministers; 20 churches; no licentiates; 2 candidates; 1,208 communicants; and twelve thousand, eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars ($12,828), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1898, being $3,682 more than was raised the year before.

2.—194 members were added to the churches during the year: (a) On examination, 115; (b) on certificate, 79.

3.—5 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. S. C. Caldwell, from Presbytery of Florida, November, 1897; Rev. H. R. Overcash, from Presbytery of Roanoke, May 3, 1898; Rev. A. W. White, from Presbytery of Western Texas, May 3, 1898; Rev. J. M. Holladay, from Presbytery of

Montgomery, September 23, 1898; Rev. F. D. Hunt, from Presbytery of St. John's, September 23, 1898.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Rev. R. W. Alexander, to Presbytery of Fayetteville, May 3, 1898; Rev. H. M. Parker, to Presbytery of Charleston, May 3, 1898.

5.—1 church received or organized, viz.: Big Ivy.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—1 licentiate received, viz.: E. Mac. Davis, from Presbytery of Knoxville, November, 1897.

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: Wm. P. Chedester, September 6, 1898; J. B. Hyatt, September 22, 1898; J. B. Holcomb, September 22, 1898.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: W. W. Williams, to Presbytery of Paducah, May 3, 1898.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: E. Mac. Davis, November, 1897.

13.—2 installations, viz.: Rev. S. C. Caldwell, Hendersonville, December, 1897; Rev. H. R. Overcash, Swannanoa, 1898.

14.—2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. H. M. Parker, Southside, May 3, 1898; R. W. Alexander, Waynesville, May 3, 1898.

15.—No licensures.

16.—12 ministers in charge of 20 churches; 7 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 3 evangelists; no licentiates; foreign missionaries, 1 lady.

17.—3 churches vacant.

18.—$———, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—4 manses; aggregate value, $———.

20.—No minister or church in 2 counties, viz.: Graham, Madison.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Mills River, on 19th day of April, 1899.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: E. A. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

At Highlands church, on 24th day of September, 1898.

# B.

# REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

## I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1898 :

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| 1. | . . churches contributed to | | Presbyterial Home Missions . | $ 1,932.00 |
| 2. | . . " | " | Synodical Home Missions . . | 1,601.00 |
| 3. | . . " | " | Assembly's Home Missions. . | 379.00 |
| 4. | . . " | " | Foreign Missions . . . . . | 3,735.00 |
| 5. | . . " | " | Publication and Colportage. . | 163.00 |
| 6. | . . " | " | Education for Ministry. . . . | 457.00 |
| 7. | . . " | " | Church and Christian Ed'cat'n | 295.00 |
| 8. | . . " | " | Invalid Fund . . . . . | 301.00 |
| 9. | . . " | " | Colored Evangelization . . . | 414.00 |
| 10. | . . " | " | Bible Cause . . . . . | 109.00 |
| 11. | . . " | " | Church Erection . . . . . | |
| 12. | . . " | " | Synodical Orphans' Home . . | 1,120.00 |
| 13. | . . " | " | Miscellaneous . . . . . | 1,314.00 |
| | Total . . . . . | | | $11,820.00 |

Being $1,807 less than was raised the year before. Forty-four churches reported, and 18 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 44 to one or more of them.

Twelve churches made no report, viz.: Asbury, Calah, Clark Memorial (colored), Danbury, Oak Forest, Rougemont, Snow Hill, Worthville, Elkin (colored), Elim (colored), Eno and Holloways.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : D. I. CRAIG,
Stated Clerk.

At Durham church, on 12 day of April, 1898.

## II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1898:

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| 1. | 46 churches contributed to | Presbyterial Home Missions. . | | $ 4,020.83 |
| 2. | 35 " " | Synodical " " | | 924.29 |
| 3. | 34 " " | Assembly's " " | | 175.38 |
| 4. | 43 " " | Foreign Missions . . . . . | | 2,897.01 |
| 5. | 34 " " | Publication and Colportage . . | | 100.04 |
| 6. | 36 " " | Education for Ministry . . . | | 322.50 |
| 7. | 14 " " | Ch. and Christian Education . | | 545.41 |
| 8. | 33 " " | Invalid Fund . . . . . | | 111.89 |
| 9. | 34 " " | Colored Evangelization . . . | | 211.31 |
| 10. | 20 " " | Bible Cause . . . . . | | 94.05 |
| 11. | 26 " " | Synodical Orphans' Home . . | | 668.80 |
| 12. | 21 " " | Miscellaneous . . . . . | | 588.58 |
| | Total . . . . . | | | $10,660.09 |

Being $1,319.09 more than was raised the year before. Fifty-three churches reported, and six of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and forty-two to one or more of them.

One church made no report, viz.: Greenlee.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: W. R. MCLELLAND,
Stated Clerk.

At Newton church, on 17th day of September, 1898.

### III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1898:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 64 | churches | contributed to | Presbyterial Home Missions | $ 673.00 |
| 2. | 64 | " | " | Synodical Home Missions | 865.00 |
| 3. | 51 | " | " | Assembly's Home Missions | 263.00 |
| 4. | 72 | " | " | Foreign Missions | 3,764.00 |
| 5. | 42 | " | " | Publication and Colportage | 188.00 |
| 6. | 54 | " | " | Education for Ministry | 354.00 |
| 7. | 43 | " | " | Church and Christian Education | 1,102.00 |
| 8. | 58 | " | " | Invalid Fund | 213.00 |
| 9. | 44 | " | " | Colored Evangelization | 179.00 |
| 10. | 25 | " | " | Bible Cause | 73.00 |
| 11. | | " | " | Church Erection | |
| 12. | 36 | " | " | Synodical Orphans' Home | 1,074.00 |
| 13. | 16 | " | " | Miscellaneous | 768.00 |
| | | | | Total | $9,516.00 |

Being $1,297 less than was raised the year before. Seventy-nine churches reported, and 18 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 75 to one or more of them.

Four churches made no report, viz.: Barbecue, Haywood, Lebanon and Troy.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

At Red Springs church, on 6th day of October, 1898.

## IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1898:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 33 | churches | contributed to | Presbyterial Home Missions, Synodical Home Missions, | $ 2,845.00 |
| 3. | 22 | " | " | Assembly's Home Missions | 145.00 |
| 4. | 28 | " | " | Foreign Missions | 2,346.00 |
| 5. | 19 | " | " | Publication and Colportage | 67.00 |
| 6. | 22 | " | " | Education for Ministry | 306.00 |
| 7. | 5 | " | " | Church and Christian Education | 32.93 |
| 8. | 22 | " | " | Invalid Fund | 101.00 |
| 9. | 18 | " | " | Colored Evangelization | 188.00 |
| 10. | 10 | " | " | Bible Cause | 42.00 |
| 11. | | " | " | Church Erection | |
| 12. | | " | " | Synodical Orphans' Home | |
| 13. | 15 | " | " | Miscellaneous | 2,236.00 |
| | | Total | | | $7,747.93 |

Being $461.28 more than was raised the year before. Thirty-seven churches reported, and 11 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 30 to one or more of them.

Ten churches made no report, viz.: Beulah, Chadbourn, Harmony, Hub, Maple Hill, Richlands, Rockfish, Smith's, Stanford and Verona.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: A. MCFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

At Chinquepin church, on 1st day of October, 1898.

## V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1898 :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | . . churches contributed to Presbyterial Home Missions . | $ | 5,667.00 |
| 2. | . . " " Synodical Home Missions . . | | 879.00 |
| 3. | . . " " Assembly's Home Missions. . | | 462.00 |
| 4. | . . " " Foreign Missions . . . . . | | 5,430.00 |
| 5. | . . " " Publication and Colportage. . | | 171.00 |
| 6. | . . " " Education for Ministry . . . | | 3,199.00 |
| 7. | . . " " Ch. and Christian Education . | | 171.00 |
| 8. | . . " " Invalid Fund . . . . . | | 261.00 |
| 9. | . . " " Colored Evangelization . . . | | 322.00 |
| 10. | . . " " Bible Cause . . . . . | | 138.00 |
| 11. | . . " " Church Erection . . . . . | | 208.00 |
| 12. | . . " " Synodical Orphans' Home . . | | 431.00 |
| 13. | . . " " Miscellaneous . . . . . | | 2,075.00 |
| | Total . . . . . | | $19,414.00 |

Being $6,257 less than was raised the year before. Fifty-nine churches reported, and 17 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 42 to one or more of them.

Thirteen churches made no report, viz.: Drusilla, Duncan's Creek, Albemarle, Farclay, Bethlehem, Castania, Henrietta, Machpelah, Mizpah, Polkton, Stanly Creek, Steven's, Unity.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST : JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk.

At Waxhaw church, on 27th day of September, 1898.

The loss in above was under Miscellaneous, which was over $8,000 less than year before.

## VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficene for the year ending March 31, 1898:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 24 | churches | contributed to | Presbyterial Home Missions | $ 640.29 |
| 2. | 28 | " | " | Synodical Home Missions | 583.26 |
| 3. | 19 | " | " | Assembly's Home Missions | 198.04 |
| 4. | 25 | " | " | Foreign Missions | 1,306.36 |
| 5. | 16 | " | " | Publication and Colportage | 113.88 |
| 6. | 22 | " | " | Education for Ministry | 262.66 |
| 7. | 8 | " | " | Church and Christian Education | 48.41 |
| 8. | 16 | " | " | Invalid Fund | 123.82 |
| 9. | 17 | " | " | Colored Evangelization | 127.64 |
| 10. | 5 | " | " | Bible Cause | 39.00 |
| 11. | | " | " | Church Erection | |
| 12. | 13 | " | " | Synodical Orphans' Home | 346.39 |
| 13. | 14 | " | " | Miscellaneous | 1,174.28 |
| | | | | Total | $4,964.03 |

Being $6,037.94 less than was raised the year before. Twenty-nine churches reported, and five of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 24 to one or more of them.

Two churches made no report, viz.: Dover and Louisburg.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

At Raleigh church, on 20th day of September, 1898.

Systematic Beneficence—Asheville Presbytery.

## VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1898:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 14 | churches | contributed to | Presbyterial Home Missions. . | $ 2,309.00 |
| 2. | | " | " | Synodical " " | |
| 3. | 5 | " | " | Assembly's " " | 79.00 |
| 4. | 12 | " | " | Foreign Missions . . . . | 828.00 |
| 5. | 3 | " | " | Publication and Colportage . . | 28.00 |
| 6. | 4 | " | " | Education for Ministry . . . | 263.00 |
| 7. | | " | " | Ch. and Christian Education . | |
| 8. | 4 | " | " | Invalid Fund . . . . . | 16.00 |
| 9. | 6 | " | " | Colored Evangelization . . | 152.00 |
| 10. | 5 | " | " | Bible Cause . . . . . | 22.00 |
| 11. | | " | " | Church Erection. . . . . | |
| 12. | | " | " | Synodical Orphans' Home . . | |
| 13. | 8 | " | " | Miscellaneous . . . . . | 585.00 |
| | | Total . | | . . . . . | $4,282.00 |

Being $2,094 more than was raised the year before. Nineteen churches reported, and one of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 17 to one or more of them.

Two churches made no report, viz.: Franklin and Andrews.

By order of Presbytery.

ATTEST: E. A SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

At Highlands church, on 24th day of September, 1898.

## C.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your committee would respectfully report that, by the blessing of God upon the labors of our evangelists during the ten years since the inauguration of our Synodical work, sixteen of the counties of the State in which there was not a single church of our faith have been opened by the Synod, some of them having now several organized churches within them. Some 3,500 souls have been brought into the communion of our Church, and 45 churches have been organized and are now contributing to the advancement of the kingdom of Jesus Christ with their men and means.

During the year just closing there has been carried on an aggressive evangelistic work; the Gospel has been preached to many who have never heard it in its purity, and the large work undertaken has been kept up, while the Presbyteries and mission fields have been rapidly assuming the obligations which the Synod has heretofore carried, leaving an opportunity to the Synod, perhaps in the near future, to enter the sixteen counties of our beloved State that are without any representative of the Presbyterian system, from some of which there are earnest calls to our Church to bring to the people the spiritual and educational advantages which they so much need.

The Superintendent, during the last two months of 1897, conducted his department in connection with his pastorate at Fayetteville. Since January 1st he has given all of his Sundays and as much of the week as possible to the duties of his office, making a corresponding reduction in his salary for the time during which he was detained by sickness in his family. He has visited always one, often two, and sometimes three churches on Sunday, endeavoring to disseminate information about the cause as widely as possible. Besides the column in the "North Carolina Presbyterian" devoted to Home Missions, the Superintendent in June and September sent envelopes and circulars to churches and Sunday schools. The expense of this work, as well as his traveling expenses, is paid out of his salary, amounting for the last nine months to $500 out of the $900.

## Synodical Missions.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The last Synodical year was begun with a debt of $1,496.66, and for the new work that was undertaken, together with the old, for which the Synod was responsible, appropriations were made amounting to $9,165. Total for the year, $10,661.60.

At the same time the Superintendent was instructed by the committee to urge churches and Presbyteries to as great a degree of self-support as possible. Through this means, and the curtailing of expenses wherever possible, the amount necessary for the work was diminished. The additional appropriation for Albemarle Presbytery, and for Rev. A. K. Pool as an assistant to the General Evangelist, was not all used. In January the work in Ashe county only needing one man for the present, Rev. John Grey was withdrawn, accepting a call to South Carolina. In April, Orange Presbytery assumed the entire support of Rev. C. W. Robinson, and in October that of Rev. Eugene Gillespie. In May Rev. Edgar Tufts' field assumed 10 per cent. additional on his salary, and in October Rev. L. A. McLaurin's field made the same advance. In September the support of Rev. John Wakefield was assumed by the Salisbury church. The Columbus field is now self-supporting. The sum of $100 is returned by the Superintendent and $133.33 by the General Evangelist on account of absence from the field. These reductions amount to a saving of $1,323 for the present year, making the sum of $9,133.33 necessary for closing the year free of debt. There has been received during the year the sum of $6,506.80, an increase of $1,071, leaving a deficit of $2,881.80 by October 1st. There are pledges due from the churches amounting to $1,540, leaving an indebtedness of $1,341.80, for which there is no provision. Of this amount there is due on the debt secured by the endorsement of members of the committee the sum of $500, a reduction of $300 having been made during the year. The balance of $2,331.80 is due to the servants of the committee.

For the coming year expenses will be still further reduced by the action of Concord Presbytery, which, we are informed, is to be taken at once—the assuming the support of the fields of Wautauga and Mitchell counties the first of April, and the reduction of Rev. Bartholomew Soulier's salary $150—that amount being paid him for special work in connection with the Waldensian church. This would leave the obligations of the Synod, on old debt, $2,881.80, and on the salaries of the workers during the present year, $5,960, a total of $8,841.80, instead of $10,661.60 last year, and the whole work contemplated last year is still going on.

## Synodical Missions.

The Superintendent is able to report the greatest zeal and diligence on the part of the workers in the field.

### Rev. WILLIAM BLACK, GENERAL EVANGELIST,

Has held services in twenty-three counties of the State during the year, and preached 273 times. Most of these meetings have been held in the weaker churches and mission fields, sometimes where no organization had been effected. Still he has been able to raise the sum of $725 for Synodical Missions and $400 for Church Erection.

Under his ministry there were 636 professions of faith and 223 additions to the Presbyterian Church, besides many additions to other churches as the result of his meetings. Obtaining leave of absence during the month of September, he held a meeting in the State of Arkansas in which there were 43 additions to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Black employed as his assistant, with the authorization of the committee, Rev. A. K. Pool, whose work in leading the music was much appreciated.

### Rev. E. MAC. DAVIS

Has preached at 38 points in Madison and Buncombe counties, and has selected six of these for regular appointments. His work has been richly blessed of God in many directions. Preaching on the average of three times a week, he has found opportunity to distribuae 5,000 tracts and religious books, has sent two orphan children to Barium Springs, and one girl to Dorland Institute. Three young men in his field are now studying for the ministry, two of whom have been received under the care of Asheville Presbytery, and six teachers for summer schools were secured by him without cost to the committee except for their traveling expenses. These teachers, to whom the thanks of Synod are due, are: Misses Margaret Allison, Elizabeth Tucker, Fannie and Elizabeth McPherson and Janie Vaughan, of North Carolina, and Mr. T. G. Rodgers, of Tennessee. Miss Allison has been employed since by Asheville Presbytery.

As one result of Mr. Davis' labors, a church of sixty members has been organized, Upper Ivy by name, with three elders, three deacons and twelve baptized non.communicants, and a lot for the building and sufficient lumber for the church have been obtained. Another church is soon to be organized.

Synodical Missions.

### Rev. EDGAR TUFTS,

Evangelist in Watauga county, has labored most earnestly and successfully during the year. The churches there already organized have grown in numbers and in self-support; one new church has just been organized at Pinola and the building erected. There have been 26 additions to the field, and Mr. Tufts has won the affection and confidence of the people by building his home among them and by devoting his life to their spiritual, moral and educational interests.

### Rev. L. A. McLAURIN

Has been active in his work in Mitchell and Yancey counties, there having been twenty-one additions to his field, two Sunday schools having been organized, one neat church building being erected at a cost of $500, and two new points opened up, at one of which an organization and a church building are confidently expected at an early day,

### Rev. BARTHOLOMEW SOULIER

Has been laboring faithfully for the spiritual and material welfare of the Waldensian colony. The colony is in a more prosperous condition than ever before, the church building is almost finished, though not yet furnished, and the growth of the colony by immigration is assured. Besides the regular services in the Waldensian church and Sunday school, the pastor conducts a service in English, which is regularly attended by some who have no church connection at all.

### Rev. JOHN WAKEFIELD

Has received twenty-six members into the churches of China Grove and Spencer, and organized the latter church since the first of January. The importance of this field cannot be over-estimated, and Mr. Wakefield is the man for the place. The Salisbury church has made itself responsible for the support of this work hereafter.

### Rev. EUGENE GILLESPIE

Has been eminently blessed in the work which was begun with such favorable auspices a little over a year ago. One church has been erected, Ebenezer, the first Presbyterian church in Ashe county, at a cost of $475, and Mr. Gillespie has secured $1,560 for the erection of a second church at Jefferson, the county seat, and the building will be completed by January 1. Rev. John Grey assisted Mr. Gillespie until January 1, and dur-

ing the summer months two Seminary students, Mr. Allen Jones and Mr. W. A. Murray, with two lady teachers, were secured by Mr. Gillespie himself. Three day schools and three Sunday schools have been kept up, and there have been received forty-eight members into the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gillespie's support is now assumed by the First church, Greensboro, and has been turned over to Orange Presbytery.

### Rev. C. W. ROBINSON

Supplied four points regularly in Wilkes and Surry counties. He conducted 96 services, in which there were 16 additions to the Presbyterian Church. This work was also turned over to Orange Presbytery by its own request.

### Rev. D. J. CURRIE,

Pastor of Chapel Hill and New Hope churches, has been faithful to his work, which, in consideration of the large number of students in attendance upon the University, is as important as any work in this State. Besides his work at these two points, Mr. Currie has been laboring at one or two outposts. He has received 12 members into the church.

### Rev. W. M. SHAW

Has had charge of the Brunswick field since January 1, and his earnest and arduous labors have been already richly rewarded. Mr. Shaw has traveled 2,060 miles in supplying his three churches and six mission points, has organized one church, two Sunday schools and one day school, and has two parochial schools in his bounds. He has received five members into the church and ordained one elder and two deacons.

### Rev. J. E. L. WINECOFF

Also took charge of his field the first of January, and reports encouraging progress. Nine persons have been received into the churches of his field, and 12 more are to be received at Chadbourne by letter, the membership of which will thus have doubled since January 1. At Hub there is a more transient population, and our members come and go, but the audiences that hear the preaching of the Gospel are always good.

### ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY

Has had seven workers during the year who were aided by the Synodical Committee. They have all done faithful work, and on account of pecu-

liar conditions in our eastern counties, there is a bright promise for the future.

### Rev. W. T. WALKER

Has held protracted services in each of his churches during the year, aided sometimes by the General Evangelist and sometimes by other ministers. There have been received into these churches 31 members.

### Rev. C. N. WHARTON

Is laboring successfully in Warren county, and his churches have been strengthened by the addition of several members.

### Rev. F. D. THOMAS

Has received 11 members into the churches of La Grange and Rocky Mount, and has collected $1,094 for all church purposes. Rocky Mount recently increased its subscription to his salary $50, thus relieving the Synod of that much of its appropriation.

### Rev. JAMES THOMAS

Has also had 11 additions to his field, and the church at Wilson has increased its subscription $50 to pastor's salary. The church at Wilson has also been renovated, and at Louisburg some $400 will be raised for improvements to the building.

### Rev. E. D. BROWN

Has supplied the churches at Kinston, Dover and Falkland this year. There have been eight additions to his field, and the church at Kinston is soon to be increased by the moving thither of several Presbyterian families.

### Mr. E. P. BRADLEY,

Of Union Seminary, labored with remarkable zeal and ability in Halifax county during the summer, especially at the two villages of Weldon and Roanoke Rapids. A church is soon to be organized at the latter place by a commission of Albemarle Presbytery, and these two important villages hope to secure Mr. Bradley in the spring as their pastor, and have showed their willingness to support him and to engage in church building as far as they shall be able.

## Synodical Missions.

### Rev. F. H. JOHNSTON, D. D.,

Is still our only representative east of the Roanoke river and north of Albemarle Sound. There have been 10 additions to his field. There is great need here of additional workers. The field in Martin and Halifax is amply large for one man's work. Bertie, Northampton, Hertford and Gates have only been explored in a partial way by Dr. Johnston. In Perquimans and Pasquotank there are some Presbyterians but no organized church or regular appointment. With one small church (in Elizabeth City) surrounded by a population of 125,000 souls, it is time that the Presbyterian Church were undertaking the evangelization of this great section in earnest.

### SUMMARY.

Sixteen evangelists, three candidates and seven teachers have been at work. There have been 500 additions to the Presbyterian Church; four churches have been organized and three ordered to be organized, and five buildings have been erected. The workers whose salaries are paid wholly or in part by this committee have raised on their fields or the churches visited double the sum expended upon those fields.

The Presbyteries contributed to Synodical Missions as follows: Orange, $1,603; Fayetteville, $1,203; Concord, $1,179; Mecklenburg, $1,070; Albemarle, $724; Wilmington, $507, and Asheville, $143.

### PRESBYTERIAL MISSIONS.

The work remains about the same as at our last report, with the exception that Stanly county has been transferred from Concord to Mecklenburg Presbytery and an interesting and promising work is being carried on there. The Stanly Hall lands have been turned over to Mecklenburg Presbytery by the Northern Presbyterian Church. The Columbus field, in Wilmington Presbytery, becomes self-supporting. The churches contributed to Presbyterial Missions: Albemarle, $600; Fayetteville, $850; Concord, $1,100; Asheville, $3,208; Wilmington, $2,360; Orange, $1,600; Mecklenburg, $5,000; total, $15,650.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S MISSIONS.

Asheville, $60; Concord, $194; Fayetteville, $294; Mecklenburg, $524; Orange, $302; Wilmington, $223; total, $1,896.

Total for Home Missions raised in North Carolina, $23,480.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Colportage would report an increase in the number of churches contributing and the aggregate amount contributed this year over that of last year.

During the past summer some local work has been done in Orange, Mecklenburg and Fayetteville Presbyteries.

This fall, beginning with the month of September, two regular Colporteurs have been secured, by name, Mr. J. K. Coit and Rev. W. A. Zeigler, who have begun work in Asheville and Mecklenburg Presbyteries. It is the purpose of your Committee, using these Colporteurs, to canvass our Synod thoroughly within the next two years.

In response to the able and apt presentation of our Secretary, Dr. Hoge, at this meeting of Synod, we express our gratification at the wise and successful management of the publication department of the committee's work.

We call especial attention to the fact that the publication part of the work of our Assembly's Committee is self-sustaining. If our churches would support more generally and generously this department, especially in using only the Sabbath school literature prepared by our committee, a considerable fund could be so realized from this source to aid in the department of colportage. It is further true that our book department can furnish to our people the publications of all other houses, including even technical works of the learned professions, at less cost than by purchase directly from the publishers. This also will be to the advantage of our colportage work.

The monies contributed by our people are used for two purposes only. First, to give supplies to weak churches and poor or mission Sabbath schools. Secondly, to support Colporteurs. This second purpose is the main one, and is in great need of more liberal contributions to this cause.

# REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee would respectfully submit its annual report to the Synod of North Carolina. We ask you, first of all, to take a general survey of the work by looking at what the several Presbyteries have done in their effort to carry the Gospel to the regions beyond.

## ALBEMARLE.

Two thousand, one hundred and twenty-two church members gave $1,389 to this cause, or an average of 65 cents per member. Of this amount, six Sunday schools gave $62.10 and nine societies gave $306.19.

One church, Henderson, gave $2 a member. Three churches, Raleigh, Nut Bush and Oak Hill, gave $1 or more a member. Eight of the 31 churches gave nothing to foreign missions. Rev. L. C. Vass is expecting to go to Africa in a few days. Albemarle has no representative in the foreign field, and none of the churches support individual missionaries. There are 147 subscribers to the "Missionary," and 92 copies of the "Children's Missionary" are taken.

## ASHEVILLE.

One thousand, two hundred and eight church members gave $828, an average of 77 cents per member. Of this amount the Sunday schools gave nothing. Four societies gave $267. One church, Asheville First, gave over $1 a member. Seven of the 19 churches gave nothing to the cause.

Asheville has one missionary in the foreign field, Miss Lee, in Mexico. The First church supports Rev. Eugene Bell, in Korea, and the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First church assists in the support of Miss Lee.

There are 61 subscribers to the "Missionary" and seven "Children's Missionaries" are taken.

## CONCORD.

Five thousand, four hundred and twenty-three church members gave $2,894.85, or an average of 55 cents a member. Of this amount nine Sunday schools gave $128.04, and 20 societies $916.68. One church, Turkey Cove, gave $5 a member. One, Davidson College, gave over $3.

Three, Salisbury, Statesville and Mooresville, gave $1 or more per member. Eight out of 54 churches gave nothing to the cause.

Concord has two missionaries in the foreign field, Rev. Dr. John Davis, of China, and Mrs. Claude Grier Blain, of China. One young lady is under appointment. Rocky River contributes part of the support of Mrs. Blain, but none of the other churches support individual missionaries.

There are 293 subscribers to the "Missionary," and 160 "Children's Missionaries" are taken.

### FAYETTEVILLE.

Seven thousand, eight hundred and thirty-four church members gave $4,530, which average 57 cents a member. Of this amount 24 Sunday schools gave $261.54, and 59 societies gave $2,756.09. Laurinburg and Gulf, two churches, gave over $2 a member, and 10 gave over $1 a member, Maxton, Laurel Hill, Smyrna, Aberdeen, Sardis, Lumber Bridge, Bethesda, Ida Mills and Iona. Seven out of 79 churches gave nothing to the work. These Presbyteries have two missionaries in the foreign field, Rev. L. L. Little, in China, and Mrs. Price, in Japan. Rev. W. C. Buchanan is supported by Laurinburg and Ida Mills, and several other churches have combined to support a missionary.

There are 383 subscribers to the "Missionary," and 149 "Children's Missionaries" are taken.

### MECKLENBURG.

Eight thousand, one hundred and forty-six church members gave $5,430, which is an average of 66 cents a member. Of this amount 12 Sunday schools gave $275.81, and 18 societies gave $2,506.03. One church, Charlotte First, gave over $3 a member, and three, Charlotte Second, Lowell and Monroe, gave $1 and more per member. Fifteen out of 72 churches gave nothing.

This Presbytery continues to head all others in the number of missionaries in the foreign field. Hopewell church has sent out from its membership six of her sons and daughters, Rev. Jno. Moore, Dr. L. L. Moore, Mrs. L. L. Moore, Miss Lizzie Moore, Mrs. Cummings and Miss Ella Houston. One other of her sons now waits to be sent to the regions beyond.

The men's society of Charlotte First church continue the support of Dr. Jno. Davis, and the Randolph Society, of the same church, holds itself responsible for the support of Mrs. L. L. Moore, while her husband

is supported by the Steel Creek church. The Second church is to continue the payment of part of Miss Blair's salary.

There are 350 subscribers to the "Missionary," and 203 copies of the "Children's Missionary" are taken.

### ORANGE.

Five thousand, four hundred and forty-one church members gave $3,857.44, which is 70 cents a member. Of this amount 14 Sunday schools gave $160.72, and 14 societies gave $1,135.46.

One church, Durham First, gave nearly $3 a member. Winston gave $2 and more, and Greensboro First gave $1 and more. Fifteen out of 56 churches gave nothing to missions.

Winston supports Rev. Mr. Price; Greensboro First supports Rev. Dr. Grinnan, and Durham First supports Rev. Mr. Morton. Orange has no missionary in the foreign field, but one of her sons waits to be sent to labor in Brazil.

There are 144 subscribers to the "Missionary," and 118 copies of the "Children's Missionaries" are taken.

### WILMINGTON.

Three thousand, two hundred and ninety-six members gave $2,346, or an average of 71 cents a member. Of this amount four schools gave $14,63, and seven societies gave $739.60.

Wilmington First gave nearly $4 a member. St. Andrew's, New Hope and Whiteville gave $1 and more a member. Nineteen out of 47 churches contributed nothing. Three missionaries have gone out from this Presbytery, Dr. Geo. Worth and his wife, and Mrs. Curtis, who labors, with her husband, in Zion under the Northern Church.

Dr. Worth and Mrs. Worth are supported by the First church, while Dr. James Wood is supported by St. Andrew's church.

There are 99 subscribers to the "Missionary," and 57 copies of the "Children's Missionary" are taken.

### SUMMARY.

Now, placing these several reports side by side, for the sake of analysis and comparison, we discover five points of considerable interest. The hurried reading of these bare statistics may make the impression that they are very much like last year's, but they are really very different and suggest some things worth emphasizing.

## Foreign Missions.

We observe that the church which leads in average gifts per member is Turkey Cove, with $5, as last year. The church which leads in the whole amount contributed is the First church of Charlotte. The banner Presbytery in its gifts per member is Asheville, which averaged 77 cents. Mecklenburg leads in actual amount given, having contributed $5,430. The Presbytery which has the largest number of contributing churches is Fayetteville, with only seven non-contributing churches, out of a total of 79. This Presbytery also leads her sisters in the number of missionary societies, having 59 societies of all kinds. Fayetteville has the largest number of subscribers (383) to the "Missionary," and Mecklenburg leads with 203 subscribers to the "Children's Missionary."

The second matter of interest is one that is depressing. More than one-fourth of our churches gave nothing to missions. Seventy-nine non-contributing churches out of 358 is rather discouraging.

There are only 65 of our contributing Sunday schools, while last year there were 93. This is the more significant because there is an actual falling off of over $500 for this source.

We further observe that this year there are only 125 societies of all kinds contributing to this cause against 190 last year. It is, however, pleasing to record that through the increased liberality of the smaller number, the gifts from this source exceed last year by $257.

We find still further that from these two channels there have been brought into the Lord's treasury, for the spread of the Gospel, $9,627. This is not far from half of the whole contribution by our Synod. Since these represent the small gifts, the mites of our people, nothing could more pointedly emphasize the great importance of fostering these societies and the careful training of the children in our Sunday schools to give of their little or large savings for this great work.

The fourth matter of interest which we gather from these reports is that the subscription list to the missionary periodicals is deplorably small. One thousand, four hundred and seventy-seven copies of the "Missionary" and 816 copies of the "Children's Missionary" are taken in our Synod, with its membership of 33,490 Christians. Compared with the previous year, this is a slight decrease (13) in the number of subscribers.

It is thus made clear that our pastors are not doing their duty in this matter. The price of the "Missionary" was put at 50 cents with the hope and expectation of largely increasing the circulation of this invaluable magazine. This has not been the case, and to-day the publication of the "Missionary" puts a tax upon the funds of our mission treasury.

This is more than a matter of business, it indicates spiritual loss that is very significant. These two missionary magazines are the only sources of direct information in regard to the progress and needs of the foreign mission work. The smaller the number of our subscribers to these periodicals the less they will know about missions, and the less they know so much the less will they give.

Looking again at these statistics, we find in the fifth place that our total contributions are $21,328, or an average of 71 cents a member or over, against $23,177 last year, which is a falling off of $1,849, or about .08 cent a member. As throwing light upon this discouraging decrease, we discover that five of our seven Presbyteries gave less this year than last. Albemarle shows a decrease of $303; Asheville, $187; Concord, $347; Mecklenburg, $1,783; Wilmington, $634. Two Presbyteries show an encouraging gain, Fayetteville increasing her gifts by $571 and Orange by $198. This other fact also appears, that some of our stronger churches have fallen behind in their gifts, suggesting the pertinent inquiry, how far home interests ought to be permitted to outweigh or cripple the interests of the work which seeks to send the Gospel into places of utter spiritual destitution.

Your Committee makes no recommendation, but would close this report with the inquiry whether, in view of the condition of things in one of our strongest Synods, we ought to be surprised that the Assembly's treasury is embarrassed and the work is at a stand still, if indeed its efficiency is not seriously endangered?

We are ourselves directly responsible, at least, for the fact that two or three of our own consecrated young men are kept at home by the lack of the means to send them forth into the harvest field.

This ought certainly to send our churches, pastors and people to their knees beseeching the Great Head of the Church to pour out upon us the spirit of supplication and liberality. If the outlook is as bright as the promises of God, then the question is, are we ready to show our faith in these promises by greater sacrifice and consecration for the Master's cause? Let us show our faith by our works!

ALFRED T. GRAHAM.

# REPORT OF AGENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Agent respectfully submits the following report :

STATISTICAL.

| PRESBYTERIES. | Candidates. | Seminary. | Schools. | Teaching. | Funds Asked For. | Funds Contributed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albemarle | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | . . . | $ 250 |
| Asheville | 3 | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . . | . . |
| Concord | 13 | 4 | 4 | 4 | $ 350 | 192 |
| Fayetteville | 13 | 4 | 6 | . | . . . | 141 |
| Mecklenburg | 18 | . . . | . . . | . . . | 1,198 | 703 |
| Orange | 15 | 3 | 7 | 3 | . . . | 556 |
| Wilmington | 4 | 1 | . . . | 2 | 400 | 306 |
| Total | 72 | 14 | 18 | 10 | $ 1,948 | $ 2,148 |

On October 5th, 1898, the new buildings of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond were dedicated. This event marked an epoch in ministerial education in the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, to which the Seminary belongs. The new buildings are complete in all their appointments, conducive to the health and comfort of the students and faculty, and contiguous to a large city which offers manifold advantages for literary and practical training. The members of the faculty are the peers of any corps of theological instructors in the country.

The attention of Synod, and through the Synod of the Presbyteries, is called to the action of the last General Assembly in discontinuing aid to "academical students (candidates for the ministry) not in college classes." In view of the earnest and successful efforts of the Synod's Home Mission Committee to multiply churches of the Presbyterian faith and order, and of the pleading cry and call for more missionaries in the

great foreign field, Synod does hereby reiterate its earnest admonitions of former years to all its Presbyteries to make unceasing efforts to multiply the candidates for the ministry :

1. By constant believing prayer to the great Lord of the Harvest for more laborers.

2. By presenting through their pastors the claims and call to the Gospel ministry, both to parents and to their sons, and wherever opportunity offers to the students gathered in our schools and colleges.

L. B. TURNBULL,
Chairman.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Synod's Committee of Church and Christian Education beg leave to report :

It is with profound gratitude that we are able to report increased and increasing interest in every department of this work.

1. Davidson College was never so prosperous as during the last year. One hundred and ninety-one students were enrolled. Sixty candidates for the ministry and ministers' sons were taught free of charge for tuition. Plans are on foot to build a Science Hall adequate to future needs ; to secure an abundant supply of water for all purposes, and also to put a financial agent to work to increase endowment.

2. Peace Institute has been more prosperous than ever before, with promise of yet larger efficiency in all departments.

The four Presbyterial female schools recently established at Charlotte, Statesville, Red Springs and Kenansville are entering upon their third year under the best prospects, and the success of some of them has been phenomenal. The policy of all of these schools is to reduce expenses to the lowest possible point compatible with efficiency, so as to compete with all comers, and offer the best facilities to the largest possible number.

We are assured that none need go further from home to find thorough scholarship and training in all departments, and a social and religious culture unsurpassed.

3. The number of high schools and academies under positive Presbyterian influence and control is on the increase, and their success is more and more assured, so that their example is a stimulus to found and foster others.

4. Parochial schools, as recommended by the Synod, are engaging the attention of some of our churches, and a number of such schools are reported to your committee. It would be well for the Synod to emphasize the importance of establishing such schools wherever the conditions will allow, and again to commend the constitution for parochial schools adopted by the Synod. Your committee will send a copy of that constitution again to all the churches at an early date.

5. Mission schools are claiming increasing attention and liberality also. Your committee notes with satisfaction the mission schools in the cities and larger towns. These schools are day schools and night schools, and are mainly free schools, supported by the larger churches as a part of their local mission work.

Besides these, there are the mission schools in connection with mission fields of Presbytery and Synod, and there is an increasing desire to carry the Christian teacher wherever the mission preacher goes. The Presbyteries of Orange, Mecklenburg, Concord and Asheville are the most active in this work, while something is done in the other Presbyteries. These schools are promoted in part by the collections for Church and Christian Education, partly by Synod's Committee of Home Missions, partly by special contributions of churches and societies and partly by local effort in the field.

Your committee has not been able to get full returns from the entire Synod, but it is safe to say that there have been not less than one thousand children in such schools.

6. All the colleges and institutes for higher education, male and female, have regular Bible courses, requiring from one to five recitations a week. Some use Shearer's Bible Course Syllabus, and some use Blakeslee's Graded System. The lower schools vary much in the amount of positive religious instruction. Some have only the reading of the Scriptures and prayer. Many of the public schools open their exercises with morning worship.

7. The collections for this cause are materially larger than heretofore, and a larger number of churches have made contributions. At the same time the interest in the local work in the most of the Presbyteries takes precedence of the general work. The financial statement which is herewith submitted shows that $862.07 has been contributed by churches, ladies' societies and young people's societies. These collections have been expended as follows: For printing and postage, $7.35; to mission schools in Asheville Presbytery, $25; to Red Springs Seminary, $41.20; to mission schools in Concord Presbytery (special), $261.55; to mission schools in Mecklenburg Presbytery, $266.51; to necessities of Orange Presbytery, $82.41; to Davidson College, $175.24.

Besides this there were special contributions at Davidson College by individuals, $350, making a total amount reported by this committee of $1,112.07.

8. Your committee will send the usual circular letter to the churches, unless otherwise ordered.

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9. The committee would recommend the same apportionment to the Presbyteries as last year, to-wit.: Orange, $250; Concord, $300; Fayetteville, $300; Wilmington, $200; Mecklenburg, $300; Albemarle, $100; Asheville, $50; total, $1,500.

10. We recommend that J. D. Murphy, from Asheville Presbytery be added to the committee.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Statement of collections for Church and Christian Education for the year ending November 1st, 1898:

COLLECTIONS—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Statesville church | $ 9.33 | |
| Newton church | 3.68 | |
| Concord (Iredell) | 2.20 | |
| Elmwood | .50 | |
| Fifth Creek | .82 | |
| Sherrill's Ford | .52 | |
| Mocksville | 4.25 | |
| Rocky River | 2.15 | |
| China Grove | 1.30 | |
| Taylorsville | 6.63 | |
| Bethesda | | |
| Salisbury | 5.00 | |
| Centre | 2.43 | |
| Davidson College | 36.65 | |
| | | $ 76.46 |

SPECIAL.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lenoir | $ 2.86 | |
| Rocky River | 4.35 | |
| Newton | 3.14 | |
| Bethesda | 1.00 | |
| Statesville Ladies' Society | 165.00 | |
| Davidson College Society | 20.00 | |
| Hickory Society | 10.00 | |
| Morganton Society | 25.00 | |
| Concord First Society | 10.20 | |
| Rocky River Young People's Society | 10.00 | |
| Mooresville Young People's Society | 10.00 | |
| | | $261.55 |

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### ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| First church, Raleigh | $ 18.00 | |
| Washington church | 12.00 | |
| Cann Memorial | 3.00 | |
| Kinston | 1.00 | |
| | | $ 34.00 |

### MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Long Creek | $ 1.63 | |
| Gastonia | 90.00 | |
| Barclay | 2.00 | |
| Mulberry | 6.58 | |
| Pineville | 5.32 | |
| Forest City | 1.00 | |
| Salem | 1.00 | |
| Beulah | 2.00 | |
| Polkton | 1.00 | |
| Monroe | 18.00 | |
| Norwood | 2.54 | |
| Morven | 1.74 | |
| Siler | 1 00 | |
| Newell. | 1.00 | |
| Carmel | 1.48 | |
| Cooke's Memorial | .40 | |
| Waxhaw | 8.00 | |
| New Hope | 7.83 | |
| Paw Creek | 3.35 | |
| Mallard Creek | 2.13 | |
| King's Mountain | 1.01 | |
| Steel Creek | 7.50 | |
| Ironton | 1.00 | |
| Charlotte, First church | 80.00 | |
| Collection at Presbytery. | 19.00 | |
| | | $266.51 |

### WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wilmington, First church | $ 43.35 | |
| St. Andrew's church | 10.00 | |
| Burgaw | 1.88 | |
| Oak Plains | .69 | |
| | | $ 55.92 |

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FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Long Street | $ 3.65 | |
| Pittsboro | 1.25 | |
| Red Springs | 8.96 | |
| Shannon | 1.00 | |
| White Hill | 1.73 | |
| Summerville | 2.32 | |
| Mt. Pisgah | 1.00 | |
| Mark's Creek | .66 | |
| Gibson | 1.39 | |
| Dunn | 2.00 | |
| Bensalem | 1.40 | |
| Antioch | 1.85 | |
| Carthage | 4.50 | |
| Laurinburg | 8.55 | |
| McPherson | 1.00 | |
| St. Paul's | 1.39 | |
| | | $ 82.41 |

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Winston, First church | $ 21.48 | |
| Speedwell | .50 | |
| Reidsville | 10.00 | |
| Bethlehem | 1.00 | |
| Wilkesboro | 2.23 | |
| Ashboro | 2.77 | |
| North Wilkesboro | 4.41 | |
| Madison | 3.59 | |
| Little River | 1.04 | |
| New Hope | .71 | |
| Hillsboro | 5.63 | |
| Bethesda | 2.00 | |
| Greensboro, First | 21.30 | |
| Mebane | 3.70 | |
| Alamance | 1.56 | |
| Chapel Hill | 3.30 | |
| | | $ 85.22 |

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TOTAL BY PRESBYTERIES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Albemarle | $ 34.00 | |
| Concord (General) | 76.46 | |
| Concord (Special) | 261.55 | |
| Mecklenburg | 266.51 | |
| Wilmington | 55.92 | |
| Fayetteville | 82.41 | |
| Orange | 85.22 | |
| | | $862.07 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To printing, postage, etc. | $ 7.35 | |
| To Mission Schools in Asheville Presbytery | 25.00 | |
| To Red Springs Seminary | 41.20 | |
| To Mission Schools in Concord Presbytery (Special) | 261.55 | |
| By Mecklenburg Presbytery on its own Mission Schools | 266.51 | |
| By Orange Presbytery on its own necessities | 85.22 | |
| To Davidson College | 175.24 | $862.07 |

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|---|---|
| Special at Davidson College by individuals | $ 350.00 |
| Add collections as above | 862.07 |
| Total reported through this committee | $1,112.07 |

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. SHEARER,
Agent and Chairman.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee would report the following:

Last year the report of this work bore some features of sadness and uncertainty. Two things contributed to this state of affairs. First, the shortage in funds, which necessitated a change of policy. This change of policy constituted the second cause of uncertainty attending the outlook for the work, it being only an experiment. This change, however, was fruitful of encouraging results. To these results we call the Synod's attention as our report.

There has been marked improvement in the receipts, and promise of still greater improvement. Yet with the increase of funds, the amount is still inadequate to meet the needs of the work.

The changed plan mentioned consists in the Society's laying the work more directly upon the churches, through the agency of field secretaries, and not through the medium of local societies, as has been the plan hitherto. This change proves a profitable experiment, the evidence of which is to be found in the increase of contributions from the churches. This is illustrated in the churches of the Synod of North Carolina. During the year 1897, 78 churches contributed $340, and in 1898, 109 churches contributed $513. An increase is noted both in number of churches contributing and also in average amount contributed. Let the Synod at this point note the fact that only 109 churches have made a contribution to this important cause, a cause of prime importance because it lies at the very foundation of all the Church's missionary effort.

Above it is stated that the funds are inadequate to meet the needs of the work. This is true because of the increasing demands upon the benevolent feature of the Society's work. New fields have opened, and are opening, to missionary effort, which means the expansion of the already wide field of the American Bible Society's benevolent operations. The present opening caused by the war with Spain makes a claim to the amount of $200,000, and this lays an increased claim upon the churches. Therefore the committee would bespeak renewed interest and zealous effort on the part of pastors that the increasing needs may be met.

# REPORT OF THE COLORED ACADEMICAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

The Board respectfully submits the following report for the scholastic year 1897-'98 :

The fourth session of the Institute was opened 17th September, 1897, and was held for eight successive months. Thirty-four students were enrolled during the year, the most of whom made excellent progress in their studies, entitling them to promotion in their classes. The conduct of the pupils was exemplary. During the year a work of grace in the school greatly increased the zeal and activity of the Christian students, and led to a profession of faith of eleven students. Among the students there were three candidates for the ministry, and two young women who hope to go as workers for Christ on the Congo, when fitted for service.

Our Superintendent, Rev. S. G. Walker, has been faithful and indefatigable in his labors. He has had the entire charge of the Institute, without assistants, and has in spirit of utter self-sacrifice served without any compensation beyond his board.

The Institute has been under the careful and constant supervision of the Executive Committee (one of whose members is on the ground), who have kept the expenses down to the minimum and have endorsed each month the requisition for supplies.

During the year Rev. T. M. Lowry, the Synod's Financial Agent, has sought and embraced every opportunity to present the Institute to the churches, and has collected in cash and pledges, less expenses, $485.46. This has been applied to the liquidation of the debt on the Institute, which has been reduced, through the gifts of churches and individuals contributed at the December collection in response to Brother Lowry's appeals, to $900.

Seeing that the expenses, including a necessary and just salary to the Superintendent, must be increased rather than diminished, thereby increasing our debt, the board, as the trustees of the Synod, are unwilling to assume the responsibility of opening another term.

# REPORT OF REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Ten years ago, at a meeting of the Synod held in Goldsboro, N. C., Rev. W. E. McIlwain, in his report as Agent of Education, proposed the following resolution, viz.:

"RESOLVED, That in the judgment of this Synod the time has come to take steps looking to the establishment of an Orphans' Home within our bounds; and that a commission be appointed to take the whole matter in charge, to consider and execute whatever may seem wise and practicable in putting such an enterprise on a permanent basis."

The Synod adopted the foregoing resolution and appointed a commission of 15 to put it into effect. To this commission was referred a memorial from the ladies of the two Presbyterian churches of Charlotte, concerning their "Home and Hospital," tendering its children, good will and furnishings to the Synod. Rev. Neill McKay, D. D., also offered "a tract of land containing one hundred acres, with buildings, as a location for the Orphans' Home, contemplated in the above resolution," as a gift. (Min. 1888, pp. 211, 247.) The offer of the ladies of Charlotte was ultimately accepted, and the Home was conducted at that place, under the care of the lady managers of the Charlotte churches for two years more.

In 1891, in accordance with a resolution of Synod adopted in Wilmington in 1890 (Min. 1890, p. 426), the Home was removed to its present site, near Barium Springs, in Iredell county, N. C., into a wooden building, on a tract of about 36 acres of land, costing about $2,000, for the purchase price and necessary repairs and improvements. Since then, by the blessing of the good Father of us all, the institution has prospered and increased in numbers and property, until we can now report an enrollment of 100 children during the year ending September 30th, 1898, and a property in real estate and furnishings to the amount of about $30,000, free of debt, and an income from all sources of $9,271.15 in cash. To this must be added donations in clothing, provisions and materials, etc., estimated at $1,519.86, and farm products, such as oats, hay, corn, pork, beef, milk, butter and garden and orchard products, estimated at $400, making a total of income from all sources of $11,189.01.

Since the last meeting of the Synod the Regents, through the liberality of Mrs. S. P. Lees, of New York city, have been enabled to erect,

ready for covering in, a large and handsome building, containing 16 apartments, for the accommodation of the larger boys, on a site near to the Synod's cottage. This building will cost something over $3,000, when completed, and will equalize our accommodations for boys with those already provided for girls. This building would have been completed by the meeting of the Synod had it not been for the unprecedented rains during the brick-making season. It is hoped that it will be ready for its occupants by the close of the year, provided it can be furnished. Inasmuch as this generous lady provides the building, free of cost to our Christian people at home, would it be too much to suggest that the Synod take the necessary steps to provide the necessary furnishings? There will be sixteen apartments to be furnished, averaging, it is estimated, $25 apiece, and a heating apparatus, costing $150, or an aggregate of $550 for the entire outfit.

### THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE.

The Board of Regents have desired for some time to provide a comfortable residence, properly located, for the Superintendent and his family. To this end they set apart what might be received from such legacies as might be left to the Home, not otherwise designated, or so much of them as might be needed. The Regents also have designated a suitable and central location for the residence, and the Executive Committee have had the necessary brick made for the building. A legacy to the amount of over $500 has been left to the Institution by Mr. Phillips, of Davie county, and has been paid in. But inasmuch as a centrally located residence should cost about $1,000, to correspond with the other buildings, your Board of Regents will need about $500 to erect the building. We trust that the good people of our churches will speedily provide the sum needed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

From September 30, 1897, to September 30, 1898.

| | |
|---|---|
| Received from support fund | $5,405.90 |
| Short on September 30, 1887 | 537.29 |
| Available for current year, ending September 30, 1898 | $4,868.61 |
| Paid out for support fund | 4,877.59 |
| Short on support fund September 30, 1898 | $ 8.98 |

## Orphans' Home.

### FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Received on support fund, furniture and fixtures | $ 850.54 |
| Paid out on support fund | 856.64 |
| Short on support fund | $ 6.10 |

### BUILDING FUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| Received on building fund | $2,752.07 |
| On hand for building fund September 30, 1897 | 125.57 |
| Available for current year | $2,877.69 |
| Paid out on building fund | 2,724.39 |
| On hand for building fund September 30, 1898 | $ 153.25 |

### PRESS FUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| Received on press fund | $ 262.64 |
| On hand press fund September 30, 1897 | 465.69 |
| Total press fund September 30, 1897 | $ 728.33 |
| Paid out on press fund | 117.68 |
| On hand press fund September 30, 1898 | $ 610.65 |

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that the deficit on the support fund and furniture and fixture fund amounts to $15.08; surplus on building and press fund amounts to $763.90, showing a clear surplus of $748.82. To this may be added, for building fund, $500, received from Mrs. S. P. Lees, since September 30, 1898, making in all $1,248.82. It must be remembered, however, that all that surplus and more will be required to finish the new boys' building, and the $500 legacy for the Superintendent's cottage. It is gratifying to know, however, that our deficit in the support fund has been reduced from $537.29 last year to $8.98 this year. This reduction, however, is not to be credited to the increased liberality of the churches, but to the generosity of one kind-hearted friend, who came to the rescue in midsummer, with a contribution of $500 for present distress. Your Home is therefore still in need of some more certain, regular and adequate method of support. To meet the wants of the Home, Concord Presbytery last spring directed that a special collection be taken up in all our churches for the Home on or

near the second Sabbath of June each year. Your Regents have therefore had prepared the following plan for the adoption of the Synod:

### REPORT ON PLAN FOR SUPPORT.

Within the last year the capacity of the Synod's Orphans' Home has been increased to such a degree, and its inmates have grown to such numbers, as to make it imperative that the matter of support for the Home be emphasized before this great Synod of North Carolina. We have been asked to suggest to this Synod, if possible, some way by which this may be attained. The summer months being the time when the contributions fall off, we would suggest that the "North Carolina Presbyterian" be requested to give sufficient space in its columns that the needs of the Home may be made known to all the people where this paper is read.

We would call attention to the fact that an institution demanding such great cost for its support should, and must, have another day other than Thanksgiving day in which its need shall be presented to the people of God. This is most important. The conception in the mind of the people as to the needs of the Home are practically what they were ten years ago, while the facts show that we now have to support a Home as expensive as any Synodical Orphans' Home in the bounds of our Church. We are confident that all that is needed is that the magnitude of the work be made known to our people, and we therefore suggest that one Sabbath in June be set apart by the Synod as a time when the needs and claims of this great institution shall be made known from every Presbyterian pulpit in our State, and contributions solicited for its support. We further suggest that, if it be possible, we get all the Sunday schools of our churches to imitate the good example of what a few are now doing, and that a monthly collection be taken for the Home. If this can be consummated, we will not only educate our children in Christian liberality, but we shall greatly strengthen the sources from which we must expect our support.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

In comparing the present report of the Superintendent with that of last year we find that progress has been made in several directions. One hundred children this year have received the benefits of the Home instead of 90 last year—an increase of ten. The average attendance this year has been 88 against 80 last year. The donations in material, outfits,

etc., this year have been estimated at $1,517.86, as against $1,182.85 last year, and the products of the farm and garden are estimated at $400.00.

For the support fund were expended cash to the amount of $4,877.59, for the year just closed, and last year $4,145.27. Counting the entire income, the donations in kind and the products of the farm, the average cost for the maintenance, clothing and instruction of each child has been $72.67. It must be noted that this average is not for the mere maintenance of the children, but includes the salaries of the Superintendent, matrons and teachers, and farmer. In the meantime the children have been well fed, well clothed and well instructed in the branches of a good English education.

### THE BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, report that they have attended to the work assigned them. Their chief business has been to attend to the furnishing of Rumple Hall, and to secure a plan and superintend the erection of the new building for boys. They succeeded in putting in an excellent heating apparatus, a hot air furnace, and in placing such furniture in the rooms as the funds on hand would permit.

They have also procured a suitable plan for the new building for boys, and attended to the construction of it. It is now ready to be covered in, and will accommodate 24 boys, a matron's room and reception and study room. It is substantially built, and corresponds in style with the other buildings on the campus.

Your Board of Regents would report that the grounds and buildings are in an excellent state of repair, and their appearance is much better than it was last year. The estimate of values is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Ninety-four acres of land | $ 1,200.00 |
| Two furnished cottages | 11,100.00 |
| Infirmary and furnishing | 1,400.00 |
| Out-buildings, cattle, etc. | 2,500.00 |
| Rumple Hall and furnishing | 11,500.00 |
| Mrs. S. P. Lees' building for boys, unfurnished | 2,500.00 |
| A total of | $30,200.00 |

This is an increase of $3,100.00 over the valuation of last year.

Orphans' Home.

### THE SUPPORT FUND.

The matter of chief importance that calls for the attention of the Synod is the support fund. During portions of the year, immediately succeeding Thanksgiving, the ingathering of the harvests and the holidays, our people generally supply the wants of the orphans. But there are times in the spring and summer when the treasury becomes exhausted, donations are small, and consequently the pantry gets empty, and the table is but scantily supplied, and the heart of the Superintendent is sore. We have long desired that the Synod should provide some system by which there should be a regular and systematic supply, and we have therefore caused to be prepared a scheme contained on a foregoing page. We trust that the Synod will adopt and commend it to our ministers and churches.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

To the Synod of North Carolina :

Your Committee respectfully present the following report :

First, a comparative statement of work done in 1897 and 1898 :

| PRESBYTERIES. | Schools. | | Teachers. | | Scholars. | | Churches. | Churches not Reporting. | Received on Profession of Faith. | Sunday School Conventions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | '97 | '98 | '97 | '98 | '97 | '98 | '98 | '98 | '98 | '98 |
| Albemarle | . . | . . | 189 | 204 | 1,363 | 1,328 | 31 | 8 | . . . | 1 |
| Asheville | . . | . . | 92 | 115 | 796 | 984 | 19 | 6 | . . . | . . |
| Concord | 42 | 54 | 495 | 507 | 4,009 | 4,237 | 54 | 10 | 149 | 1 |
| Fayetteville | 75 | 86 | 439 | 579 | 4,318 | 4,261 | 79 | 20 | 183 | . . |
| Mecklenburg | . . | . . | 651 | 715 | 5,411 | 5,759 | 72 | 16 | . . . | 1 |
| Orange | 52 | 56 | 326 | 509 | 4,036 | 4,266 | 56 | 12 | 117 | 1 |
| Wilmington | . . | . . | 197 | 188 | 1,497 | 1,462 | 47 | 18 | . . . | . . |
| Total | . . | . . | 2,389 | 2,817 | 21,430 | 22,297 | . . . | 90 | 449 | 4 |

Second, attendance: The attendance has passed the 22,000 mark, and shows a steady advance. Ninety churches do not report. Some of these have Sabbath schools.

The report of Committee of Foreign Missions shows that only 65 schools report collections this year, against 93 last, and a falling off in the amount of $500.

Your Committee would again call the attention of the Synod to the very important fact that the three Presbyteries reporting show 449 added to the Church on profession of faith. The total number of communicants added on profession of faith in these Presbyteries was 667. Almost five-sixths of those added on profession of faith come from the Sabbath schools.

Owing to lack of data, your Committee cannot give a full and complete report. We would request Synod to direct clerks of Presbyteries to see that the reports of this important work be forwarded.

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Colored Evangelization would present the following report:

The churches of this Synod gave to this great cause the past year, ending April 1st, 1898, $1,586, distributed as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Albemarle Presbytery | 16 churches | $ 128 |
| Asheville Presbytery | 6 churches | 152 |
| Concord Presbytery | 27 churches | 303 |
| Fayetteville Presbytery | 44 churches | 179 |
| Mecklenburg Presbytery | 44 churches | 322 |
| Orange Presbytery | 36 churches | 414 |
| Wilmington Presbytery | 18 churches | 188 |
| Total | 191 churches | $1,586 |

One hundred and sixty-seven churches failed to contribute anything: In Albemarle, 15; in Asheville, 12; in Concord, 27; in Fayetteville, 35; in Mecklenburg, 28; in Orange, 20, and in Wilmington, 29; total, 167.

For the year ending April 1, 1897, the churches of this Synod gave only $755, showing an increase this year of $791.

We note the following matters of interest:

(1) The organization in May of this year of an independent African Presbyterian Church, styled "The Synod of the Colored Presbyterian Church of the United States and Canada." This is a result which is in accord with the long-cherished plans of our Assembly.

(2) The purchase by our Assembly's Committee of a new and beautiful location for Stillman Institute, adjoining the corporate limits of Tuscaloosa, Ala., including a house and 20 acres of land, the house being a large two-storied brick building, well built, and said to be "fairly well adapted to our purposes."

(3) The retirement of Dr. Alexander Phillips, who for so long a time and so faithfully administered this cause, and the election of the Rev. D. C. Lilly as his successor in the Secretary's office.

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(4) The retrenchment proposed in the conduct of this work, the salary of the Secretary being reduced from $1,600 to nothing, and the salaries of teachers from $1,800 to $600. The money contributed hereafter will be expended chiefly in evangelization.

(5) The attention of the Synod should also be directed to the following recommendations of the Assembly: First, that $1,500 be raised for this cause the present year, and, secondly, "that all our ministers be solemnly enjoined to preach boldly the claims of this work in connection with the annual collection."

We recommend that the Synod add its injunction to that of the Assembly in regard to the faithful presentation of the claims of this cause.

JOHN M. ROSE,
Chairman.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Board of Directors and Trustees of Union Theological Seminary, in Virginia, respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that the session of 1897–'98 was marked by many tokens of the divine favor.

The number of students was 68, of which 22 were in the Senior Class, 17 in the Middle Class, 26 in the Junior Class, and three pursuing special studies. These came from 12 States of the Union and from Ireland.

The report of the Faculty shows that the students were industrious and successful in work and commendable in conduct, while the results of the examinations, at the end of the session, showed excellent work in the class rooms by both professors and students.

This Board assures the Synod that we have a Faculty thoroughly equipped for its work, and worthy of the admiration of the Church and of her patronage.

The number of volumes in the library is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bound volumes | 15,132 |
| Unbound volumes | 481 |
| Pamphlets | 283 |
| Total | 15,896 |

## FUNDS.

| | |
|---|---|
| General Endowment | $206,000 |
| Scholarships | 95,000 |
| Library Fund | 8,000 |
| Total | $309,000 |

The General Endowment Fund is the one from which all the expenses of administration must be paid, and needs to be increased to meet all the proper demands upon it.

## REMOVAL.

The removal of the Seminary to Richmond, Va., authorized by the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina nearly three years ago, is to be

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made during the summer vacation, and the next session will be opened on the new site on the first Wednesday of October, 1898. The new buildings are all contracted for; some are at this time virtually completed, and all are expected to be ready for occupation before the first of next October.

They consist of one large administration building, named Watts' Hall; one library building, fire-proof, named the Spence Library; one dormitory, and five residences for professors.

The contract prices for these buildings were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Watts' Hall | $ 48,322.70 |
| Spence Library | 25,906.16 |
| Dormitory | 19,341.00 |
| Five residences, about | 38,000.00 |
| Total | $131,569.86 |

Other considerable costs, however, must be incurred to make needed improvements, for which it is hoped the money will soon be raised.

Means have been provided for completely furnishing about two-thirds of the rooms of the new buildings for the use of students. The buildings are to be well furnished with water and light. When so completed, the equipment of our Seminary will be all that can be desired for health, comfort and convenience.

The Board has taken order to make disposition of the real and certain personal estate at Hampden-Sidney, at the same time endeavoring to protect the college from any evil or unfriendly influences, and if possible to aid this venerable and beloved institution.

Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, for many years the Treasurer of this Board, and whose business knowledge and foresight and devotion to the Seminary have been most valuable, has resigned his office, and Mr. Wm. C. Preston, of Richmond, Va., has been elected in his place.

Diplomas have been given to the following 17 young gentlemen, who have completed the full course of studies in the Seminary, viz.: C. C. Anderson, James Arthur, Geo. L. Brown, R. D. Campbell, S. L. Cathey, J. W. Goodman, H. C. Hammond, G. B. Hanrahan, L. F. Harper, W. E. Hudson, R. W. Jopling, S. S. Oliver, H. G. Richardson, R. A. Roane, J. W. Stokes, R. L. Wharton, J. L. Yandle.

A copy from the minutes.

WM. C. PRESTON,
Secretary of Board of Trustees.

# D.

# STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

Revised November, 1893.

## I.—OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the pastor of the church in which the Synod holds its annual session and the delegates of the session of said church shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a standing committee on Leave of Absence. To this committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter, on the part of ruling elders as well as ministers, shall be rendered. The roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

## II.—OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod annually his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz.: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath Schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a

written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents of these respective subjects, or chairmen of committees, in the several Presbyteries, shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of of their reports to the Synod ; and the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Orders for Evangelistic Labor, the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists, and in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

### III.—OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred, and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred, and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod recommending any action called for on this subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

### IV.—OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod ; the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting, on behalf of the Synod, the publication of the full reports in the "North Carolina Presbyterian ;" a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod ; the Standing Rules of the

Synod, and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the churches composing the Synod; and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

### V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly for 1886, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse, his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. The election of Stated Clerk and Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, page 240.)

18. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, page 612.)

19. The Committee on Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leave of absence except for urgent reasons, and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod for information and caution to members of the committee and of the Synod. (Minutes of 1885, page 615.)

20. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal beyond our bounds, in any of the offices of Synod (including the Stated Clerk, Agents and Directors of Union Theological Seminary) the Moderator is empowered to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of Synod, except in the case of those officers who are the heads of Synodical Committees, when the committee shall fill the vacancy. (Minutes 1891, page 579.)

21. Memorials of deceased ministers shall be read on Friday morning at each meeting of the Synod.

**Standing Rules.**

22. RESOLVED, That the Standing Orders of Synod be revised as follows:

(1.) That the Synodical Communion be held at 11 a. m. on the second day.

(2.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday night.

(3.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held Thursday night.

(4.) That Friday night be given alternately to Sunday Schools and Colored Evangelization. (Minutes 1894, page 260.)

23. RESOLVED, That it be made a Standing Rule of this Synod that the Moderator shall, when occasion requires, upon the death of a minister, in the interim of meetings of the body, appoint a committee of one minister to prepare a memorial minute or sketch of the deceased, to be read in the Synod ensuing and spread upon its records; and that the Stated Clerk of the Synod be charged with the duty of reporting to the Moderator such deaths as they occur.

# E.

# GENERAL DIRECTORY.

## Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

| | MODERATORS. | PLACE OF MEETING. |
|---|---|---|
| 1813 | *Rev. Robert H. Chapman. | Alamance church. |
| 1814 | *Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell | Thyatira church. |
| 1815 | *Rev. Wm. McPheeters | Fayetteville. |
| 1816 | *Rev. John Robinson | Raleigh. |
| 1817 | No meeting—no quorum present | Rocky River. |
| 1818 | *Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D. | Fayetteville. |
| 1819 | *Rev. Johnathan Ottis Freeman, D. D. | Raleigh. |
| 1820 | *Rev. Wm. Paisley | Poplar Tent. |
| 1821 | *Rev. John M. Wilson | Salisbury. |
| 1822 | *Rev. John Robinson | Hillsborough. |
| 1823 | *Rev. John Witherspoon. | Fayetteville. |
| 1824 | *Rev. Colin McIver | Statesville. |
| 1825 | *Rev. John B. Davis | Greensborough. |
| 1826 | *Rev. Wm. McPheeters, D. D. | Fayetteville. |
| 1827 | *Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. | Salisbury. |
| | [The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.] | |
| 1828 | *Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch | Raleigh. |
| 1829 | *Rev. John Williamson | Fayetteville. |
| 1830 | *Rev. Samuel L. Graham | Hopewell. |
| 1831 | *Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich | Hillsborough. |
| 1832 | *Rev. Samuel Williamson | Salisbury. |
| 1833 | *Rev. Henry A. Rowland | Wilmington. |
| 1834 | *Rev. James W. Douglas. | Oxford. |
| 1835 | *Rev. Henry N. Pharr | Salisbury. |
| 1836 | *Rev. Joseph Brown. | Fayetteville. |
| 1837 | *Rev. N. H. Harding | Shiloh. |
| 1838 | *Rev. Stephen Frontis | Third Creek church. |
| 1839 | *Rev. Daniel A. Penick | Lincolnton. |

*Deceased.

## Moderators of Synod.

| | MODERATORS. | PLACE OF MEETING. |
|---|---|---|
| 1840 | *Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D. | Danville, Va. |
| 1841 | *Rev. William N. Peacock | Fayetteville. |
| 1842 | *Rev. Walter S. Pharr | Poplar Tent. |
| 1843 | *Rev. James Phillips | Raleigh. |
| 1844 | *Rev. Simeon Colton | Fayetteville. |
| 1845 | *Rev. Samuel Williamson | Charlotte. |
| 1846 | *Rev. Drury Lacy | Greensborough. |
| 1847 | *Rev. Evander McNair | Fayetteville. |
| 1848 | *Rev. Cyrus Johnston | Salisbury. |
| 1849 | *Rev. John A. Gretter | Hillsborough. |
| 1850 | *Rev. Adam Gilchrist | Centre. |
| 1851 | *Rev. Archibald Baker | Rocky River. |
| 1852 | *Rev. Wm. N. Mebane | Danville, Va. |
| 1853 | *Rev. Hector McLean | Wilmington. |
| 1854 | *Rev. A. L. Watts | Concord. |
| 1855 | *Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D. | Greensborough. |
| 1856 | *Rev. Neill McKay, D. D. | Fayetteville. |
| 1857 | *Rev. Walter W. Pharr | Charlotte. |
| 1858 | *Rev. Jacob Doll | New Berne. |
| 1859 | *Rev. F. K. Nash | Wilmington. |
| 1860 | *Rev. R. H. Lafferty | Statesville. |
| 1861 | *Rev. Edward Hines | Raleigh. |
| 1862 | *Rev. John M. Sherwood | Goldsborough. |
| 1863 | *Rev. R. N. Davis | Salisbury. |
| 1864 | *Rev. A. G. Hughes | Greensborough. |
| 1865 | Rev. Colin Shaw | Fayetteville. |
| 1866 | *Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D. | Charlotte. |
| 1867 | Rev. Archibald Currie | New Berne. |
| 1868 | *Rev. D. D. McBryde | Wilmington. |
| 1869 | *Rev. Jesse Rankin | Morganton. |
| 1870 | *Rev. R. A. Stanford | Raleigh. |
| 1871 | *Rev. J. P. McPherson | Fayetteville. |
| 1872 | *Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D. | Charlotte. |
| 1873 | *Rev. James M. Sprunt | Wilmington. |
| 1874 | Rev. J. Rumple, D. D. | Concord. |
| 1875 | *Rev. P. H. Dalton | Greensborough. |
| 1876 | *Rev. Martin McQueen | Fayetteville. |

*Deceased.

## Moderators of Synod.

| | MODERATORS. | PLACE OF MEETING. |
|---|---|---|
| 1877 | *Rev. John Douglas | Charlotte. |
| 1878 | Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. | Goldsborough. |
| 1879 | *Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D. | Statesville. |
| 1880 | *Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D. | Raleigh. |
| 1881 | Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D. | Salisbury. |
| 1882 | Rev. L. McKinnon, D. D. | Asheville. |
| 1883 | Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D. | Wilmington. |
| 1884 | *Rev. P. T. Penick | Winston. |
| 1885 | *Rev. J. C. Alexander | Reidsville. |
| 1886 | Rev. J. W. Primrose, D. D. | Concord. |
| 1887 | Rev. R. Z. Johnston | Fayetteville. |
| 1888 | *Hon. A. M. Scales | Goldsborough. |
| 1889 | Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D. | Charlotte. |
| 1890 | Rev. Alexander Sprunt | Wilmington. |
| 1891 | Rev. W. E. McIlwain | Durham. |
| 1892 | Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D. | Statesville. |
| 1893 | Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D. | Tarboro. |
| 1894 | Rev. W. B. Arrowood | Greensborough. |
| 1895 | Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D. | Fayetteville. |
| 1896 | Rev. A. D. McClure | New Berne. |
| 1897 | Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D. | Salisbury. |
| 1898 | Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D. | Gastonia. |

*Deceased.

## UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.,
Mr. Geo. W. Watts, Ruling Elder.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. B. Morton,
Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. W. B. Arrowood,
Dr. H. L. Smith, Ruling Elder.

## SYNODICAL COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

To go out in 1901.

Synodical Missions . . . . . Rev. Wm. Black, Superintendent.
Foreign Missions . . . . . Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
Church and Christian Education . Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Agt. and Chm.
Education for Ministry . . . . Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent.
Colored Evangelization . . . . . Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman.
Bible Cause . . . . . Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman.
Publication and Colportage . . . Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman.
Sabbath Schools . . . . . Rev. A. A. Little, Chairman.

## TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, D. D. . . . . Hickory, N. C.

## Officers and Appointees of Synod.

### TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Dr. J. R. Irwin (Chairman) . . . . . Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin . . . . . Charlotte.
Mr. J. C. Burroughs . . . . . Charlotte.
Mr. R. M. Oates . . . . . Charlotte.
Hon. A. C. Avery . . . . . Morganton.
Mr. D. F. Cannon . . . . . Concord.
Mr. E. B. Stimson . . . . . Statesville.

### STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. D. I. Craig . . . . . Reidsville.
Concord—Rev. W. R. McLelland . . . . . Statesville.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law . . . . . Lumber Bridge.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen . . . . . Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J W. Siler . . . . . Davenport.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D. . . . . Elizabeth City.
Asheville—Rev. E. A. Sample . . . . . Hendersonville.

### REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FIVE YEARS.

To go out in 1903.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. D. I. Craig.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. C. G. Vardell, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Geo. W. Watts, Esq., Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. W. R. McLelland, M. W. Hill, M. D.

FIFTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1899.

Mr. S. C. Rankin, Mr. P. M. Brown.

## REGENTS OF SOUTH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Mr. J. F. Love.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. J. B Shearer, D. D.

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## DIRECTORS OF COLORED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

REV. L. B. TURNBULL, D. D., Chairman.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D.,
Mr. J. M. Rogers, Mr. A. M. Scales.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.,
Rev. C. G. Vardell, Mr. A. A. Finley.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. A. J. McKelway,
Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. —— Moncastle.

## PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

### Committee on Foreign Missions.

REV. A. T. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. Geo. W. Watts.
Concord—Rev. A. T. Graham, Prof. H. L. Smith.
Fayetteville—Rev. A. J. McKelway, Mr. J. C. McCaskill.
Wilmington—Rev. A. D. McClure, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. W. Siler, Dr. Chas. Adams.
Albemarle—Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D., Mr. J. B. Sparrow.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

### Committee on Synodical Missions.

REV. WM. BLACK, Superintendent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. R. W. Culbertson, Mr. J. M. Rogers.
Concord—Rev. C. A. Munroe, Mr. J. G. Hall.
Fayetteville—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Dr. J. W. McNeill.
Wilmington—Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., Mr. B. F. Hall.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. A. Miller, Mr. A. G. Brenizer.
Albemarle—Rev. J. B. Morton, Mr. J. R. Young.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Mr. W. A. Blair.

### Committee on Church and Christian Education.

REV. J. B. SHEARER, D. D., Agent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D.
Concord—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Mr. G. P. Erwin.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law, Capt. S. C. Rankin.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Mr. George E. Wilson.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Mr. W. S. Primrose.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Mr. J. D. Murphy.

## Permanent Committees of Synod.

### Committee on Bible Cause.

REV. H. S. BRADSHAW, Chairman.

Albemarle Presbytery—Rev. F. D. Thomas.
Concord—Rev. W. C. Alexander.
Fayetteville—Rev. Hugh Craig.
Mecklenburg—Rev. Geo. A. Sparrow.
Orange—Rev. H. D. Lequeux.
Wilmington—Rev. George W. McMillan.
Asheville—

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### Committee on Colored Evangelization.

REV. J. M. ROSE, D. D., Chairman.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. W. Lee Harrell.
Concord—Rev. Wm. H. White.
Fayetteville—Rev. M. D. McNeill.
Wilmington—Rev. S. H. Isler.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. M. Grier.
Albemarle—Rev. W. T. Walker.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

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### Committee on Publication and Colportage.

REV. A. D. MCCLURE, Chairman.

Albemarle Presbytery—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D.
Concord—Rev. J. A. Harris.
Fayetteville—Rev. C. H. Dobbs, Jr.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. J. McIlwain.
Orange—Rev. R. W. Culbertson.
Wilmington—Rev. K. McDonald.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

## ROLL OF MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1898.

### I.—Orange Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | A. Currie | Hillsboro. |
| 2 | D. I. Craig | Reidsville. |
| 3 | E. W. Smith, D. D. | Greensboro. |
| 4 | R. W. Culbertson | Mebane. |
| 5 | J. McL. Seabrook | Greensboro. |
| 6 | R. E. Caldwell | Winston. |
| 7 | C. W. Robinson | North Wilkesboro. |
| 8 | L. B. Turnbull, D. D. | Durham. |
| 9 | D. J. Currie | Chapel Hill. |
| 10 | H. S. Bradshaw | Hillsboro. |
| 11 | H. D. Lequeux | Greensboro. |
| 12 | W. P. McCorkle | Graham. |
| 13 | R. W. George | Francisco. |
| 14 | M. W. Doggett, D. D. | Burlington. |
| 15 | Joseph Evans | Milton. |
| 16 | E. C. Murray, D. D. | Mebane. |
| 17 | E. E. Gillespie | Jefferson. |
| 18 | J. A. Paisley | Madison. |
| 19 | S. H. Williamson | Yanceyville. |
| 20 | B. B. Palmer (colored). | Semora. |
| 21 | W. A. Gillon | Lexington. |
| 22 | S. S. Oliver | |
| 23 | R. L. Wharton | |
| 24 | J. W. Goodman | High Point. |

### II.—Concord Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | J. Rumple, D. D. | Salisbury. |
| 2 | Wm. W. Pharr, D. D. | Mooresville. |
| 3 | W. A. Wood, D. D. | Statesville. |
| 4 | John W. Davis, D. D. | Soochow, China. |
| 5 | J. M. Wharey, D. D. | Mooresville. |
| 6 | J. A. Ramsay, D. D. | Hickory. |
| 7 | B. L. Beall | Greensboro. |

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | C. A. Munroe | Lenoir. |
| 9 | L. McKinnon, D. D. | Clinton. |
| 10 | W. R. McLelland | Statesville. |
| 11 | R. S. Arrowood | Woodleaf. |
| 12 | J. B. Shearer, D. D. | Davidson. |
| 13 | E. E. Pressly | Scott's. |
| 14 | A. T. Graham | Davidson. |
| 15 | R. W. Boyd | Barium Springs. |
| 16 | W. H. White | Marion. |
| 17 | J. C. Kennedy | Mt. Mourne. |
| 18 | J. A. Harris | Mill Bridge. |
| 19 | J. M. Rose, D. D. | Morganton. |
| 20 | W. C. Alexander | Concord. |
| 21 | B. Soulier | Valdese. |
| 22 | L. A. McLaurin | Spruce Pine. |
| 23 | A. K. Pool | Davidson. |
| 24 | W. C. Brown | Fancy Hill. |
| 25 | Cornelius Miller | Harrisburg. |
| 26 | W. J. Tidball | Taylorsville. |
| 27 | J. M. Greenlee | Marion. |
| 28 | Edgar Tufts | Banner Elk. |
| 29 | C. F. Rankin | Concord. |
| 30 | John Wakefield | Salisbury. |

### III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | H. G. Hill, D. D. | Maxton. |
| 2 | David Fairley | Manchester. |
| 3 | A. N. Ferguson | Laurinburg. |
| 4 | K. M. McIntyre | Endicott. |
| 5 | J. S. Black | Athens. |
| 6 | P. R. Law | Lumber Bridge. |
| 7 | K. A. McLeod | Endicott. |
| 8 | W. F. Thom | Ore Hill. |
| 9 | M. N. McIver | Rockingham. |
| 10 | W. B. Arrowood | Laurinburg. |
| 11 | D. W. Fox | Rockingham. |
| 12 | A. J. McKelway | Charlotte. |
| 13 | A. M. Hassell | Godwin. |

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 14 | M. D. McNeill | Sanford. |
| 15 | H. Craig | Plainview. |
| 16 | L. L. Little | Kiang Yin, China. |
| 17 | W. R. Coppedge | Rockingham. |
| 18 | W. C. Buchanan | Nagoya, Japan. |
| 19 | C. G. Vardell | Red Springs. |
| 20 | A. McLaughlin | Mt. Gilead. |
| 21 | C. H. Dobbs, Jr. | Carthage. |
| 22 | H. T. Graham | Fayetteville. |
| 23 | R. W. Alexander | |

### IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Colin Shaw | Kinston. |
| 2 | James Kelly | Clarkton. |
| 3 | A. McFadyen | Clarkton. |
| 4 | Geo. W. McMillan | Whiteville. |
| 5 | K. McDonald | Ivanhoe. |
| 6 | Peyton H. Hoge, D. D. | Wilmington. |
| 7 | J. D. Stanford | Kenansville. |
| 8 | J. J. Hines | Riverdale. |
| 9 | Peter McIntyre | Faison's. |
| 10 | A. D. McClure | Wilmington. |
| 11 | S. H. Isler | Goldsboro. |
| 12 | R. V. Lancaster | Kenansville. |
| 13 | P. C. Morton | Wilmington. |
| 14 | J. E. L. Winecoff | Vineland. |
| 15 | W. M. Shaw | Southport. |
| 16 | J. D. Stanly | |

### V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Z. Johnston | Lincolnton. |
| 2 | J. J. Kennedy | Lowesville. |
| 3 | R. A. Miller | Lowell. |
| 4 | J. R. McAlpine | Pineville. |
| 5 | S. C. Boyce | Wolfsville. |
| 6 | Roger Martin | Uncas. |

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | John W. Moore | Koochi, Japan. |
| 8 | George A. Sparrow | Begonia. |
| 9 | H. M. Dixon | Monroe. |
| 10 | J. M. Grier | Caldwell. |
| 11 | S. W. Newell | Newell. |
| 12 | Jesse W. Siler | Davenport. |
| 13 | William Black | Monroe. |
| 14 | G. A. Hough | Rutherfordton. |
| 15 | R. P. Smith | Gastonia. |
| 16 | R. C. Morrison | Matthews. |
| 17 | M. C. Arrowood | Marshalville. |
| 18 | Jonas Barclay | Martindale. |
| 19 | A. A. Little | Shopton. |
| 20 | T. F. Boozer | Sunshine. |
| 21 | J. W. Stagg, D. D. | Charlotte. |
| 22 | R. D. Stimson | Hopewell. |
| 23 | T. M. Lowry | Shelby. |
| 24 | J. S. Shaw | Sandifer. |
| 25 | Jos. Crackard | Charlotte. |
| 26 | T. J. Allison | Charlotte. |
| 27 | J. R. Howerton, D. D. | Charlotte. |
| 28 | M. McG. Shields | Gastonia. |
| 29 | H. W. Hoon | Waxhaw. |
| 30 | W. R. Minter | |
| 31 | M. A. Henderson | Rutherfordton. |
| 32 | G. T. Thomson | Cottonwood. |
| 33 | W. A. Wynne | Charlotte. |
| 34 | J. A. Dorrittee | Charlotte. |
| 35 | W. H. Spencer | Morven. |
| 36 | T. C. Croker | Gastonia. |
| 37 | J. A. McMurray | Mint Hill. |
| 38 | A. H. Temple | |
| 39 | T. A. Cathey | |

### VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | F. H. Johnston, D. D. | Elizabeth City. |
| 2 | F. D. Thomas | Rocky Mount. |
| 3 | E. Daniel, D. D. | Raleigh. |

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | C. N. Wharton | Warrenton. |
| 5 | F. W. Farries | Goldsboro. |
| 6 | W. T. Walker | Oxford. |
| 7 | C. M. Payne, D. D. | Washington. |
| 8 | J. B. Morton | Tarboro. |
| 9 | James Thomas | Wilson. |
| 10 | E. D. Brown | Kinston. |
| 11 | A. S. Caldwell | Oxford. |
| 12 | G. L. Leyburn, D. D. | Newbern. |
| 13 | A. R. Shaw | Henderson. |
| 14 | L. C. Vass | ———, Africa. |

### VII.—Asheville Presbytery.

| | MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | D. T. Towles | Crabtree. |
| 2 | E. A. Sample | Hendersonville. |
| 3 | J. T. Wade | Highlands. |
| 4 | R. F. Campbell, D. D. | Asheville. |
| 5 | J. L. Wicker | Brevard. |
| 6 | J. B. Cochrane | Murphy. |
| 7 | S. C. Caldwell | Hendersonville. |
| 8 | E. Mac. Davis | Marshall. |
| 9 | A. Walker White | Bryson City. |
| 10 | H. R. Overcash | Swannanoa. |
| 11 | F. D. Hunt | |
| 12 | J. M. Holladay | Asheville. |

# F.

## DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(From 22nd Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.)

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of papers—
   (a) Communications addressed to the body.
   (b) Reports of Standing Committees.
   (c) Reports of Select Committees.
   (d) Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation; but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

NOTE.—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.

# G.

# DOCKET.

**Of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Synod of North Carolina, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday, October 10th, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.**

I. Prayer.
II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.
III. Moderator Chosen.
IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.
V. Minutes of last Annual Meeting of Synod Read.
VI. Standing Committees Announced—
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judicial Committee.
    3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
    4. Systematic Beneficence.
    5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
    6. Union Theological Seminary.
    7. Treasurer's Books.
    8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
    9. Devotional Exercises.
    10. Statistical Report of the Presbyteries.
    11. Synodical Records.
    12. Leave of Absence.
VII. Committee to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced—
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.
    6. Albemarle.
    7. Asheville.
VIII. Excuse for Absence from last Meeting of Synod Referred.

Docket.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

XI. Reports of Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary Read and Referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary Referred.

[NOTE.—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz.: Rev. I. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. W. B. Arrowood and Dr. H. L. Smith.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.
8. The Synod.

**Docket.**

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Dr. J. R. Irwin, Chairman) Read and Referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of Synod Read and Referred.

XVII. Report of Board of Directors of Colored Industrial School (Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman).

XVIII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XIX. Reports of Synodical Committees or Agents Read—

1. Synodical Missions—Rev. Wm. Black, Superintendent.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
3. Church and Christian Education—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Agent.
4. Colored Evangelization—Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman.
5. Bible Cause—Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, Chairman.
6. Education for the Ministry—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent.
7. Publication and Colportage—Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman.
8. Sabbath Schools—Rev. A. A. Little, Chairman.
9. Assembly's Home Missions—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., Agent.

XX. Report of Committee on Peace Institute—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., Chairman.

XXI. Report of Regents of South Atlantic University.

XXII. Report of Synodical Historical Committee—Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., Chairman.

XXIII. Report of Regents of Orphans' Home—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Chairman.

XXIV. Election of Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions.

XXV. Synodical Communion on Wednesday morning—Standing Rule 22.

XXVI. Place and Time of next Meeting of Synod.

XXVII. How many copies of Minutes shall be printed?

XXVIII. Roll call before Final Adjournment.

XXIX. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXX. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and Apostolic Benediction.